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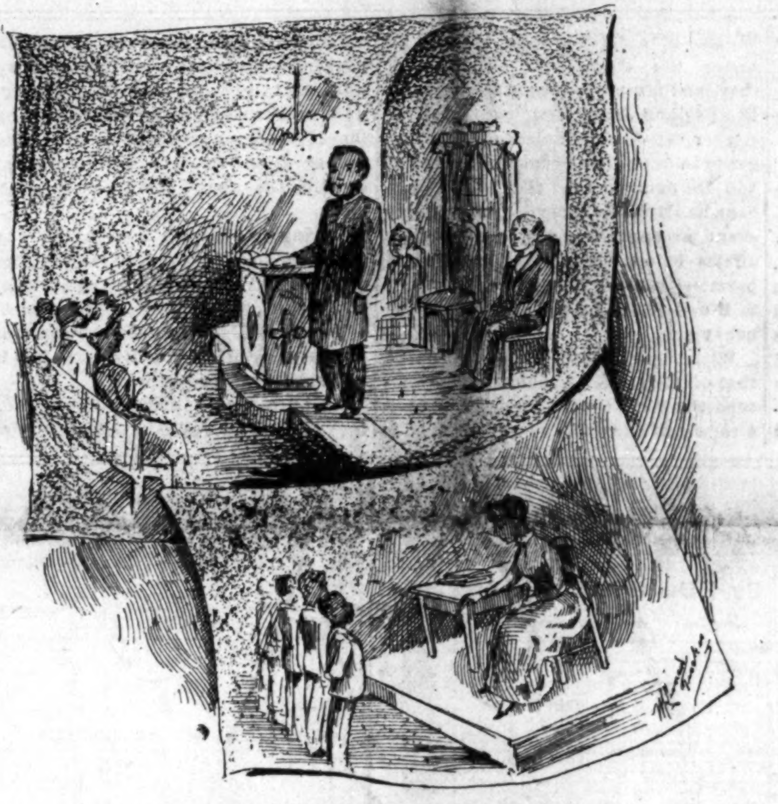

HERE! A BETTER DAY.

"Sometimes the editor of the INDIANAPOLIS FREEMAN is found to be a confirmed pessimist as regards the future of the Negro, and then almost as often he is found with optimistic visions of another better day."—The Texas Freeman.

Sometimes discouraged, disgusted sir; sometimes, mark you! But beyond and above the clouds glitters ever, a star of hope and promise for the Negro, that the pessimist hides his head before, while the optimist whispers, "I told you so."

SKATING SONG.

As swift and light as a bird in flight
She skims o'er the glistening lake;
And her skates keep time in a merry chime
To the music her red lips make;
Stray snowflakes fly from the frosty sky,
Caressing her cheeks and hair;
While sweet and strong in a skating song
Her voice rings on the air:

"Glow, moon, glow,
And twinkle stars, on high;
Blow, winds, blow,
As over the ice we fly!
Blow high—blow low—
No lass is cold with a lover bold,
Heigho! Heigho!"

With a swimming stride I gain her side,
And gather her hand in mine;
And I shout aloud to the jocund crowd
A challenge they can't decline.
Hurrah for the race! We set the pace,
With never a slip or fall—
And a click and a flash as our runners flash
Far in advance of all!

Hurrah! Well done! The race is won!
No further the need for haste;
Then her roguish glance betrays the chance,
And my arms steals round her waist.
Oh, such the delight of a winter's night,
When the course is clear and long;
And the skates keep time in a merry chime
To the rollicking skating song:

"Glow, moon, glow,
And twinkle, stars, on high;
Blow, winds, blow,
As over the ice we fly!
Blow high—blow low—
No lass is cold with a lover bold,
Neigho! Heigho!"

—[The Lover.

MIRACULOUS POWER.

Gifted by God to Cure the Sick and the Maimed.

Metropolis, Ill, Special.

Miss Carrie Coleman, a young lady of Chicago, who advocates the power of divine healing through faith in Christ, has been visiting in our city since Thanksgiving, and the following are a few of the many testimonials given in a public meeting held at the Baptist church for that purpose: Martha Byrd, headache for ten years, cured; G. W. Blackwell, heart trouble, life despaired of, much better; Elias Tatum, paralyzed twenty-one years in left side, much better; Jacob Crouse, sick of many diseases for fifteen years, much better; Joe Hughes, came from Cairo, could not stand up, perfectly well; Mrs. Mary Hodge, pain in the head for twenty-two years, made perfectly well; Mrs. Gracy Towsey, sick since quite a girl, down eight weeks, now perfectly well; Anica Vanlary, of Kuttawa, Ky., had stiff arm nine years, perfectly well; Mrs. Lourany Herron, rheumatism, for seven years could not go without cane, cured; Mrs. Harriet Lloyd, very bad backache for twelve years, could not lift teakettle from stove, perfectly well. Miss Coleman will spend the next two weeks with her father, near Eddyville, Ky., after which she will return on her way to Chicago, where she will enter school.

Saturday was the coldest day we have had in ten years. It was four degrees below zero. Rev. Stewart continues in a series of meetings. William O. Michaux is finishing the unexpired time of Ida Michaux's school at Palmer, the weather being too severe for the lady. Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor in charge at Brooklyn, has resurrected the Black Bottom A. M. E. Church in a recent revival, having had twenty or more accessions to the church.

Officers Elected—Many Marriages.

Clayton, Ala., Special.

Rev. E. D. Butler is pastor of the A. M. E. church, and Elder I. N. Fitzpatrick is presiding elder. Rev. Fitzpatrick filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church on the first Sunday at 11 o'clock, also at night. He preached two excellent sermons. Bryant Reeder has a well furnished barber shop. The colored people here are in comfortable circumstances. Several of them own homes. Ben Britt and J. R. Thompson are first class blacksmiths. Rev L. F. O'Bryant is pastor of Sardis Baptist church. Regular services first and third Sundays in each month. Henry Pope has opened a well furnished barber shop. Prof. N. B Martin is principal of the colored school. Mrs. Mattie Foster and daughter, of Eufaula, Ala., is visiting her husband, Stratton Foster. J. D. Bryant is out again after an illness of several days. Dave Cox owns a nice home. He is a lover of The Freeman. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jones, of Macon, Ga., have returned home after a pleasant stay. Mrs. Belle O'Bryant and her charming daughter, after spending the holidays, have returned to their home in Eufaula, Ala. Miss Lizzie Rending, of Macon, Ga, has returned home after a pleasant stay. The Baptist church has a good literary for the young people. It meets every Sunday evening. Carpenters, brick masons and painters are numerous. Ed. Jones, is dealer in oysters. Clayton Lodge No. 3402 has elected officers for the ensuing year: Wm. Clayton, P. N. F.; B. T. Blakey, N. F.; Dave Cox, P. N. G; Joe Dill, N. G.; I. S. Crews, V. G.; Peter Parmer, W. T; E P Patrick, Advocate; Norris King, W. C.; W. S. Crews, E. S.; H. Pope, P. S. For first class barber and shoe work, call on Marcus Fryer. Jas. Roykins, of Mt. Andrew, Ala., was married to Miss Charity Mays, Rev. Wm. Blakey officiating. There have been seventeen marriages within the last two weeks. Chickens, Turkeys, pigs and guineas are all crying for mercy. The following named persons have beautiful homes and comfortable surroundings: Bryant Reeves, Peter Grubbs, George Petty, Joe Dill, Lee Caruthers, Gen. Cole, William Clayton and others. Subscribe for The Freeman for one year, W. H. Wallace, agent. Copies on hand every Saturday.

Personal Flashes.

Toronto, Ark., Special.

Mrs C. S. Sneed has returned from Varner. Rev. G. W. Mitchell, pastor of Allen Chapel A. M. E. church, preached last Sabbath. Rev. R. B. Poi joined the A. M. E church Sunday. Rev. Wm. P. Keeting pastor of New Hope Baptist church passed through the city en route to Pine Bluff recently. A. Hough of Garretson Landing passed through the city en route to Varner. Rev B. L. Hampton of Swan Lake wos in town on business Miss S. V. Weatherspoon of Dumas was in town visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Mary Jones was a recent guest of Mrs. P. R Weir. C. S Sneed was in the city this week on legal business. W. R. Robinson, one of Jefferson county's best farmers was in the city last week. Will Moore and wife passed through the city recently. Mrs. B. L. Hampton and daughter were in the city this week en route to Swan Lake. Mrs. C. S. Sneed went to Pine Bluff on legal business. Toronto is a little town on the Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, beautifully situated, the inhabitants being about four hundred souls, with three churches, and part of them well attended. Pastor of the A. M. E. church is G. W. Mitchell, of the Baptist churches, Rev. Paul Akers and Rev. Smart Johnson.

Freeman Representative Hurt.

Providence, Ky., Special.

The Freeman agent, John Shackelford, who is porter for T. K Givens and son, in lifting a barrel of molasses his foot slipped, and in some way he received a jerk, from which he is now confined to his room receiving medical treatment W. E. Cary will deliver the papers so the good work will go on. William Bishop of this place will leave next Monday for Cantaman, Ky., to wed Miss Susan Parker. Miss Lucy J. Simpson will close her school at Dalton next Friday and return home. W. E. Cary closed his last week. David Dixon has returned home after a week's absence. Wm. Bishop sold to Joe Curry a house and lot for $305 spot cash. Lenor Sims was found dead on the railroad Saturday morning with five shots through him, four in his body and one in his head. Sims had been drinking Friday evening. That night his pistol was found near him with four chambers empty. The reporter don't know the particulars. Sims was white.

A MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Will Have a Shoe Manufactory.

Decatur, Ala., Special.

Rev. H. Matthews, one of the ablest divine's of Central Alabama Conference, who has been pastor of the M. E. Church at Birmingham, is in the city seriously ill. Mrs. Charley Jones is on the sick list; also the two children of Mr. R. Bridgeforth. Mrs. Annie Hooks is among the number sick. Miss W. Lairis, of Huntsville, is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Perkins. Rev. Elder Peterson was the guest of Rev. W. F. Smith this week. Miss Julia Pickett, of Eufaula, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Aaron White. Rev. H. Dunsbey, of Nashville, is in the city. Mrs. O. Benton, of Chattanooga, is stopping at the Parker House, Mrs. Lottie Smith, of McCartney street, has moved to New Decatur. Mr. J. J. Sykes has bought out the McDaniels store. Charles Jefferson and Mrs. Eliza Banks, after a few weeks' illness, are able to be up. Mrs Charity Meeks passed through the city on her way home in Dallas, Texas. Business in this town is improving. B. W. Lemons is doing fine work among groceries. Mr. McFoster is one of our leading contractors in this section. He can readily move houses any distance. Mr. G. W. Lockhart will marry on the 20th inst. Mrs. Lula McCartney will do the same when she returns from Mississippi. Mrs. G. A. Perkins has declared she will not stay single any longer. Mr. J. J. Sykes is one of Decatur's most prominent and enterprising young men. The same can also be said of J. W. White.

Mr. Bob Murphy, living a few miles below this place, is one of our leading farmers. He killed 1,500 pounds of meat, has 25 bales of cotton in his yard, four bales of which was grown in 1892, and 400 bushels of corn in his crib. Stella Carpenter, a little girl nine years of age, is the best singer in the Decatur public school. Rev. W. F. Smith, D. D., visited Chattanooga this week. The Doctor reports a fine time.

A shoe manufactory will open here soon in connection with a tannery, and will employ largely colored mechanics. Little Virginia Bridgeforth is seriously sick. Messrs. W. S. Sledge, Wm. Lett, A. S. Hicks, R. Wiggins, Wm. Alexander, L. A. Shelton and Eugene Mixon are hard working young men, and are saving their money. Misses J. L. Carpenter and I. L. McKenney are among our popular young ladies.

Entered Business College.

Monmouth, Ill., Special.

The blizzard! Oh, how it makes us shiver! Still we have not had a snow this winter. Miss Bessie Wallace has entered business college. The A. M. E.'s little folks, under the management of Mrs. Fort, gave a concert in Patton's Hall. The drills, especially the "Lilly Drill," were very good. Mrs. Fort certainly deserves much credit for her patience in drilling so many little ones. William Bell, of Keokuk, is in the city. Sam Montgomery made a flying trip to Galesburg and Keokuk the first of the week.

The Concert at the Baptist Church.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The Sunday school concert at the Baptist church on the 10th and 11th under the management of Prof. Abercrumbie, Mrs. Harvick and Mrs. B. Lilliard was good. Dr. Fanning of Holly Grove who has been spending the holidays at his old home, returned home on the 9th. Miss Keith of Little Rock was in the city Saturday the guest of Miss Nettie Smith. A. Burce is visiting friends and relatives at Searcy. Rev. Johnson, pastor of the A. M E. church is doing a great work at this place. The Missionary Society is still moving on. A. J. White has moved in his new building. James Davis is in Stuttgart.

Held Quarterly Meeting.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Rev. Leaks held his first quarter here last Sunday. He will leave this week for Rice to hold his next quarter. He will be gone for some time. T. Baitty and Dick Stanford were in the city last week, the guests of friends. Mrs B. H. O Neal is very sick. Grandma Lockhart is on the sick list. Mrs. Crenshaw has moved in her new residence. Brakeman Smith accidentally fell off the car, was run over and killed last week. On last Sunday morning the north bound train killed a lineman; it is supposed he went to get off while the train was running; he got caught under the car and was instantly killed. Rob Jones and Miss Sis Anderson were married last week.

A Desparado "Skipped."

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Wm. Durham, the man tried for murder, has been acquitted. Eddie S. Kimbrough, of Chicago, has been visiting relatives here. Alex. Moore, the renowned barber, has added to his firm Joe Steele. The public school (white) was damaged by fire recently. Miss M. E. Taylor is preaching in Knoxville, Tenn. Hal Bailey, the coal dealer, is laid up with la grippe. Kit Ralls, the notorious desparado, who killed "Banjo Will Bell," has "skipped." Babe Cross, who has so terrorized the state, has been brought here and put in jail. Buster Henderson has returned from a short tour in the East. Ed Wainright has been jailed for hopping freights.

MIDWINTER MUSINGS.

I am dreaming to-night of a sweet, white face—
Or a grave where a dead love lies—
Of a pure breast, sheltered in foamy lace—
Of a pair of love-moist eyes!
For the night is as dark as the dull day was long,
And the mist gathered fast o'er the sea,
And memory's wondrously beautiful song
Makes music and gladness for me.

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O, sweet, fond Love of the dear, dear days,
Shed one more patient tear!
And then kneel and pray, in your nest, far away,
That the sorrows may cease, my dear.

I am dreaming to-night of a heart all true,
That beats in a bosom white,
And whose pulsings echo, dear one, in you
The prayer in my own to-night!
For, amid all the clouds that have gathered so fast
O'er the weary, inscrutable sea,
The spell of our splendid and love-hallowed past
Is a blessing and glory to me!

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O Love, may the fluttering angels fair
Their watch o'er your slumbers keep!
Whilst I, dear, to-night, know the precious delight
Of dreaming of you, as you sleep.

—[The Dreamer.

NATIONAL UNITED ORDER

Of Industry Organized—State Legislature In Session.

Humboldt, Tenn., Special.

The Grand National United Order of Industry was organized at Mt. Olive church near Springfield, Robertson county, Tenn, on Thursday, Jan. 10th, after a three day's session. The Order of Industry is the successor to the Colored State Wheel of Tennessee, organized October 15, 1887, and which has some 10,000 members and done a world of good. There were 75 delegates present from the various subordinate wheels. The Hon. W. M. Dixon of Nashville, president of the Wheel was called to the chair, and B. J. Rogan secretary of the Wheel, was unanimously elected secretary of the meeting. President Dixon explained in a clear and concise manner and gave the principal reasons why it had become necessary to form a new order. He is a man of advanced ideas, of quick perception, and at the head of the Wheel has labored with his tongue and pen for the benefit of the race. He was ably seconded by J. H. Davis of Clarksville, who made a splendid talk. He too, is a man of education and interest for his people, and advanced the possibilities of the new order so clearly that nearly every man in the building hastened to indorse what had been said, and urge that the new order be formed and pushed, as they firmly believe it will be of benefit to every person who becomes a member.

The State Legislature is now in session and a charter for the new order will be procured at once. The order will not be confined to Tennessee, but will be pushed into all the states. It stands backed by a membership, money and brains, and even to-day in its infancy appears greater advantages than any other colored organization. A death benefit is one of the features, and it is confidently expected that in less than one year that this feature alone will result in the paying out of more money in death claims than all the insurance companies now pay to the race. The assessment per member per death is but 15 cents, nothing in itself, but amounting to great proportions when multiplied thousands of times.

The officers of the new order are: Hon. W. M. Dixon, Nashville, Grand Master; Prof. J. H. Davis, Clarksville, assistant Grand Master; B. J. Ragan, Humbolt, Grand Scribe and Treasurer; Rev. L. J. Barnes, Dyersburg, Chaplain; M. J. Henry, Duersville, M. J. Henshaw, Sumner county, and B. L. Haynes, Heury, trustees. The annual meetings are to be held the first Tuesday in each year at the place selected by the Grand Master.

B. J. RAGAN, Grand Scribe.

Church and Society News.

Dalton, Ga., Special.

Mrs. Maggie Gay and Henry Zuber were married Sunday night, Rev. C. D. Greene officiating. There was a grand concert given at Jones' Hall for the benefit of Liberty church Saturday night Jan. 12th. The public school opened Jan. 7th with a large number of pupils, Prof. C. D. Greene, principal, Mrs. D. A. Greene teacher of second and third grades, Mrs. M. A. Brown the first grade. Wm. C. Moore and Mr. Norwood of Maryville, Tenn., were in the city Saturday seeking schools. Miss Belle Jackson will visit Dalton Sunday. It is very cold here. James Lyons is on the sick list. There was a ball given at Jones' Hall the 16th. Conference at New Hope Baptist church and also Liberty church took place the 11th. Mrs. Hampton Moss is on the sick list. Emory Johnson took a trip to the country Sunday week. A. J. Rucker is expecting to visit Virginia soon. Miss Maggie L. Shepherd opened her school at Phelp's Station Wednesday.

School has Opened.

Dardanelle, Ark., Special.

John Davis, one of Yell county's most popular citizens, has returned home from a visit to Nashville, Tenn. He spoke in glowing terms of his trip. The public school opened Jan. 7th with Prof. H. E. Murrell as principal. School patrons can get books for their children at J. A. Croom's book store. Our county superintendent of public schools, Prof. J. B. Reynolds is a gentleman of fine qualities. He certainly deserves the honor bestowed upon him by the citizens of Yell county.

THE NICARAGUA TROUBLES.

Secretary of State Gresham's Report—See Group of Nicaragua Rulers Elsewhere In this Issue.

To the President:

The secretary of state, to whom was referred a resolution adopted by the senate on the 4th ult., requesting the president, "if not incompatible with public interests, to send to the senate any reports or correspondence relating to affairs at Bluefields, in the Mosquito territory, and also to inform the senate whether any American citizens have been arrested or the rights of any American citizens at Bluefields have been interfered with during the past two years by the government of Nicaragua," has the honor to submit the correspondence called for, that the same may be transmitted to the senate, should the president deem it compatible with the public interest to do so.

Although the resolutions cover affairs at Bluefields during the past two years the events to which it relates occurred within the last twelve months.

In December, 1893, war broke out between Nicaragua and Honduras. In January a detachment of Honduras troops seized cape Cracias a Dios, in Nicaragua, about sixty miles above the Mosquito strip. The Kearsage was ordered to Bluefields to protect the interests of American citizens, but was wrecked on the way on Roncador reef. Early in February the government of Nicaragua sent a military force to the strip to repel the threatened invasion. On February the 11th the Nicaraguans occupied the Bluff, and on the 12th they took possession of Bluefields and proclaimed martial law in the reservation. Against this action, Clarence, the so-called Mosquito chief, protested.

War vessels of Great Britain, and later of the United States, were sent to Bluefields to protect the respective foreign interests in that locality. The Nicaraguan commissioner to the reservation, attempted, with the concurrence of the British naval and consular representatives, to organize a provisional administration for the strip, in which Nicaraguans and foreigners were to take part, but the endeavor proved abortive. This government withheld its sanction of the scheme as inamicable to the soverignty of Nicaragua, and American interests at Bluefields refrained from participating in the proposed administration. British marines were temporarily landed to protect life and property, in view of the threatened disturbance, but they were withdrawn when the necessity for their presence no longer existed, and thereafter an American vessel sufficed for all needs of foreign protection.

In July last, a movement against the Nicaraguan anthorities was temporarily successful, the so called Indian government was for a time restored, the bluff was captured without loss of life on the part of Nicaragua, and the Nicaraguan garrison of Bluefields expelled. A few citizens of the United States, who were believed to have taken part in this insurrection, left the country. Two Americans, Lampton and Wiltbank, accepted municipal offices under the short lived regime, and they and ten or twelve others, mostly English and Jamaicans, were arbitrarily arrested and banished. The urgent remonstrance of this government, and its demand that the two Americans be allowed a hearing, and, in any event, an opportunity to arrange their affairs before expulsion, resulted in permission being given them to return to Bluefields under the pledge of good behavior.

With these exceptions, and perhaps that of Calvin G Ausburn, whose return was for a short time refused, but afterwards allowed, the undersigned is not advised that American citizens in Bluefields have been arrested. Sundry complaints growing out of interruptions of trade and American vessels by the Nicaraguan authorities have had proper attention and will doubtless yield to the usual methods of treatment.

During the period covered by the events in question the Nicaraguan government withdrew the exequatur of Mr. Braids, the United States consul at San Juan Del Norte, on the grounds of his alleged unfriendly acts, but it was subsequently restored.

An unfortunate incident threatened for a time to restrain the good relations between this government and that of Nicaragua. One Wilson, an American citizen, having been murderen at Rama by Arguello, the temporary governor of the town, a demand for the trial and punishment of the criminal and his accomplice was made. Arguello was arrested at Rama, but escaped with the evident connivance of the local authorites, and his rearrest and detention at Bluefields was followed by the second escape under circumstances indicating gross negligence, to say the least, on the part of those responsible for his safe custody. He is said to have fled the country, thus baffling the efforts of the proper authorities to do justice in the case. The Nicaraguan government, however, testified its abhorence of the atrocity by dismissing Torres from the office of governor of Rama, and by sending a commissioner to the reservation in place of Lacayo, who was in command at Bluefields at the time of the second escape.

The facts above stated and incidental reference to the treatment of the question of the interoceanic canal by the government of Nicaragua appear in the correspondence

It will be observed from the beginning of the conflicts, which at times were serious, this government has steadily recognized the paramount sovereignty of Nicaragua over the entire reservation, yielding to the pretensions inconsistent with that sovereignty.

At no time during the last forty or fifty years has the so-called native Indian government in the strip been real On the contrary, it has been a municipal administered according to alien methods. Although Americans and American interests have some times dominated in the strip, this government, while intervening in proper cases for their protection, has constantly disavowed any right of its own or of its citizens to govern the reservation or participate in the political affairs. Whatever rights of self-government the Indians enjoyed under the treaty concluded between Great Britain and Nicaragua was to be exercised by themselves and not by aliens in their name. That treaty contemplated the eventual surrender by the Indians of their strip, and their incorporation into the republic of Nicaragua on the same footing as other citizens of the republic.

A copy of a convention, concluded on the 20th of November last, is herewith communicated, by which it is declared that the Mosquito Indians, while retaining "special privileges," in accordance with their customs and "racial disposition," have "agreed wholly to submit to the laws and authority of Nicaragua for the purpose of forming part of the political and administrative organization."

Great Britain, it is proper to say, has given this government the most positive assurance that she asserts no right of sovereignty or protection over the territory, but, on the contrary respects the full and paramount sovereignty of the government of Nicaragua.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Q GRESHAM.

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See Secretary Gresham's report of the recent difference between that government and the United States, elsewhere in this issue.

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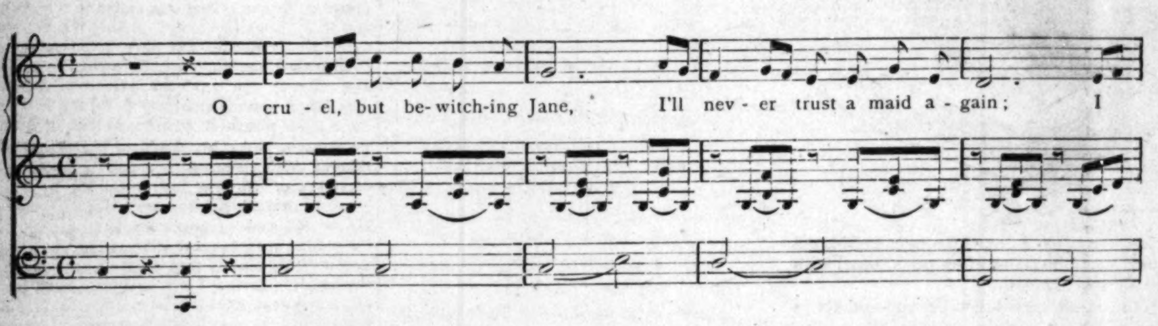
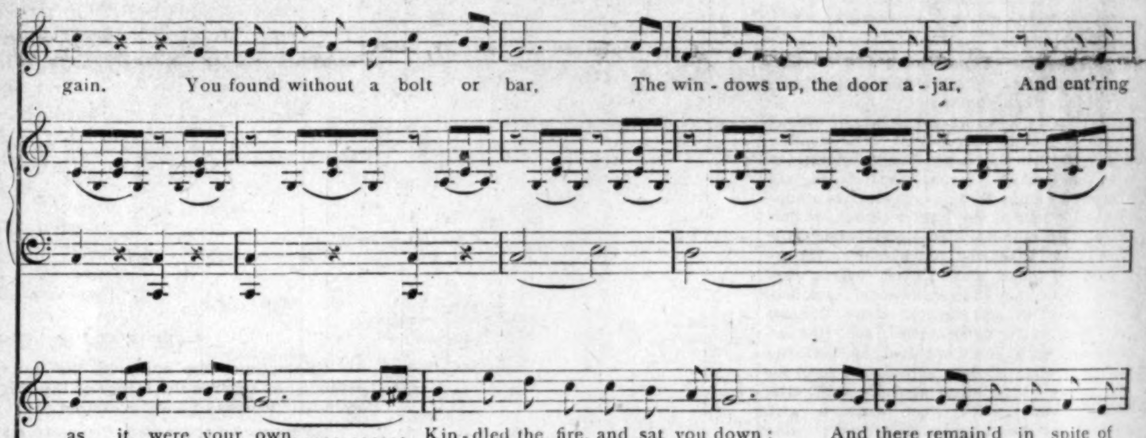
By HUGH DARLINGTON,





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RACE GLEANINGS.

Five African students of the Kaffir tribe are now students at Wilberforce

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Rev. John H. Hinks, professor of history and social science and dean of Atlanta University, is dead.

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Bishop Hood's book, the "History of the A. M. E. Zion Church," will be issued some time this month.

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Recorder of Deeds Taylor was presented a handsome silver service as a New Year's gift from his Washington friends.

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Miss Ida B. Wells will present to the public a report on "Lynchings," for the years 1893 and 1894. The report will make a book of about 100 pages.

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Hon. Jno. Langton will lay before the people of Washington the organizing of an association to furnish counsel for colored people too poor to pay for it.

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A Boston storekeeper hired a young lady as clerk, but refused to retain her in his employ when he saw she was an Afro-American.

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The Harriet Beecher Stowe Lyceum is the name of a literary society recently organized by the young ladies of the colored high school of Washington, D. C.

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Rev. E. M. Cohron, pastor of the Francis street Baptist church, St. Joseph, Mo., has written a tract on "Infant Baptism against the Bible, or Bible Baptism against Infant Baptism."

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Rev. G. C. Rowe, editor of the Charleston S. C., Enquirer, has been selected, and has consented to write the centennial poem for Zion's great celebration at New York in 1896.

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The Women's Loyal Union and the Woman's Afro American Union, of Brooklyn, are taking steps for the presentation of a woman candidate for appointment on the school board of that city. Mrs. Katie V. Cormand has been suggested for appointment.

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A testimonial concert to Joseph H. Douglass was given at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church Friday evening, Jan. 8th. The Hon Frederick Douglass appeared in a violin duet with his grandson, Joseph H., who intends to visit Europe soon.

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The General Conference Commission, consisting of Bishops Gaines and Arnett and Dr. J. H. Armstrong Financial Secretary, met at Wilmington, N C., on January 16th, to arrange for the coming session of the General Conference which meets May 1896.

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Miss Alice Fields, of No. 241 West Twenty-ninth street, New York city, has gone to Warrington, N. C., to claim a fortune of $15,000 left her by Thomas Arrington, a colored farmer, who got interested in her when she visited Warrington last summer and showed ability as an elocutionist. He left her the fortune to finish her education.

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Bishop Joseph P. Thompson, one of the prominent Bishops of the A. M. E. Zion connection died at his home in Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 21, '94. He was born a slave in Winchester, Va., in the year 1818. He was an able and convincing speaker, and was always known as a friend of his race. He was one of the founders of Livingston College.

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The L'Overture School, of St. Louis, Mo., is said to be the best equipped colored public school in the United States. It has a corps of principal and twenty-six teachers, conducting kindergarten, primary, intermediate, grammar and manual training departments. The printing class of the manual training annex got up and printed in good style the program used for their annual entertainment, given Dec. 20, 1894.

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Sergeant Wm. H. Penn of the 9th U. S. Cavalry, was honorably discharged on Dec. 20th, 1894 after fifteen years service and he re-enlisted on the 27th for five years more. Sergeant Penn has been acting provost sergeant at Fort Myer, Va., since his re-enlistment until Jan. 3rd. He and his wife and daughter have taken their departure for Fort Robinson, Neb., where he will join his former company of cavalry

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Peyton Washington, a well-known truckman of Springfield, Mass., died in that city recently. He was 57 years of age. He was a man who took the liveliest interest in the advancement of his race. Since his coming to Springfield he had been a prominent factor in the life of his people here and he was unsparing in his efforts to help his brothers. Naturally generous he aided colored people materially whenever he had the opportunity of doing so, and he and his wife made his home a place where every colored man or woman could be assured of a hearty welcome and hospitality if needed. It is not an exaggeration to say that at the time of his death he knew nearly every person of his race in Springfield as a friend.

Their Fifteenth Anniversary.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special.

The Daguhters of Ruth of the G. U. O. of O. F., held their first New Years reception in their parlors, 74 Canal street, last Thursday night, at which a literary and musical program was rendered by Miss Marietta Tate, Miss Etta Wright, G. B. Stevens, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson and Billy Robe. Sometime in the near future there will be a debate between the Rev. Fitch, of the A. M. E. Zion church, and the Moving Wonder from Australia, subject, "Baptism." See next issue. A party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bowman. It was enjoyed by all and a pleasant time was spent. Robert Price and Mrs. Crisup being the most successful. Wednesday, the 2d, inst., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grayson, of Cherry street, celebrated their fifteenth anniversary. They received quite a number of useful and costly presents. Their cozy little home was neatly decorated with smilax, ferns and pot plants permeated different parts of the room. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Young and others. At 1 o'clock refreshments were served by the best caterers of the city, after which their guests dispersed. Geo. Jacobs, George Stevens and Albert Crocket were very glad to return home from their trip. Mrs. Crisup is spending a few weeks with relatives at Battle Creek. Mrs. Bell, who has been confined to her bed so long, is recovering. Chas. Johnson is on the sick list. Bert Johnson, who has been on vacation for a few weeks, is now messenger for the G. R. & I. railroad. Mr. Thompson is now on his old run for the Michigan Central. The Good Templars held their social meeting and concert at the Spring Street church Wednesday evening. We could not accommodate all who attended. The Freeman can be found at 19 Arcade building, Mr. Parkers' barber shop, and from W. E Brown agent. Jack Adams has been appointed to a position in the legislature at Lansing.

"True Eleven" Celebrate.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

We have a city of about 5000 inhabitants and it is the coming metropolis of south east Missouri. That distinction has long been held by Cape Girardeau, but we see her as Sullivan was seen on the eventful night of the world's pugilistic combat—lowering her flag of championship and yielding it to her daughter—Poplar Bluff. She has as enterprising people as any city of its size in this state or any other. Emblazoned on her banner are these words: "larbor omnia vincit." The people both hamitic and aryan have this as their motto, excelsior. Many colored men are in business, and many own homes. The educational facilities are good.

New Years was one of the honored days of the grand and Benevolent Order, True Elevens, at the Baptist church. The tables groaned with good things. The Virgin, Mrs. M. L. Sides, her corps of officers and efficient members were out in full insignia of the order. These are they in part: Mrs Elder H. F. Johnson, Misses Effie Martin, Mollie Redmond, Ida Lankford, and Artie M. Wyatt; Mesdames T. W. Walk, Mary Crain, Ida Simmons, W. I. Kelley, N. E. Powers, J. Clay, M. Williams, the Grand Master and his efficient host being correspondingly insigniaed. The evening program consisted of an oration on the Emancipation Proclamation by Grand Master Hicks. It was replete with eloquence, logic, facts, etc. He closed by saying: "Let the Negro ever keep his eye set on the star of elevation and never stoop or condescend to that which is unchaste and will put him in the balance of immorality. He touched on lynching and handled it without gloves.

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VIEWS OF A PESSIMIST.

The day will come
When women will care naught for dress,
When spinsters will their age confess
To its full sum;
When Kaintuck's colonels, brave and true,
Their illegitimate mountain dew
Will cease to drink;
When Ingersoll will turn devout,
And such a day will come about,
I do not think.

The day will come
When congressmen won't chin all day,
But really work to earn their pay,
Too large a sum;
When Simpson, with the unclothed feet,
Down in the presidential seat
Will softly sink;
When farmers won't blow out the gas,
And such a day will come to pass,
I do not think.

The day will come
When lovely maids won't care to read
The books of Zola and his creed,
And won't chew gum;
When graduates will not repeat
The "standing with reluctant feet"
On life' broad brink;
When green goods men no prey can find;
Will such a day this year unwind?
I do not think.

The day will come
When foot ball men will cease to wear
Their hair as does the gifted player,
Pianos to thrum;
When pugilists will not delight
To bluster, and from offered fight
Will scorn to shrink;
When politicians straight will be,
And such a day we yet will see,
I do not think. CHAS. J. CLINTON.

CELEBRATED IN DIVISIONS.

A Grand Turn Out—Thousands of People Parade the Streets.

Charleston, S. C., Special.

On Emancipation Day in Charleston thousands of people were in line and paraded several of the principal streets. The parade was led by the First and Second Regiments of the Juvenile Samaritans, composed of several hundred boys in regalia; also the school boys to the number of several hundred, followed by the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans. Following these came four carriages, containing the orator, Dr. J. A. Robinson, M. D., and the following members of the Preachers' Union: Rev. G C Rowe, of the Congregationalist Church; Rev. C. C. Jacobs, of Old Bethel M. E. Church; Rev. J. H. Welch, D D., of Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church; P. E. Sterrett, Rev. L. W. Jenkins, of the Baptist Church; Rev. W. W. Beckett, of Emanuel A. M. E. Church; Rev. B. H. Williams, of Morris Brown A. M. E. Church; P E. Jefferson, Rev. J. H. M. Pollard, of St. Mark's E P. Church; Rev. R. W. Holman, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. E. A. Forrest, of the Reform E P. Church; Rev. W. M. Irby, of the C. M. E. Church; Rev. W. P. Carolina, of the Georgetown, A. M. E. Church, and many other divines, and Messrs. L. A. Dart, J. L. McCoy, T. J Clark, E. C. Brown. The procession was in charge of Mr. W. P. Grant, chief marshal. The first resting place was at Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, with the G. A. R. and the Juveniles; and at Zion Presbyterian Church the school children, one company of soldiers and citizens. At Emanuel A. M. E. Church assembled a large audience with the Beecher Post. At Mt. Zion the Emancipation Proclamation was read by Rev. J. L. McCoy, and a very grand address delivered by Dr. J. A. Robinson, M. D. At Zion Presbyterian Church the proclamation was read by Capt. E. W. Dees, followed by prayers and singing. At Emanuel A. M. E Church the proclamation was read by Rev S J. Morant, and the national hymn was sung.

"The Nashville Students."

Newport, Ark., Special.

The Relief Society met Monday evening at the residence of Mattie Black. A large number of the members were present. Jessie Taylor is improving slowly. Missionary Society met last Tuesday evening with many members present. Prof. Sutton was in the city Sunday and made a few interesting and brief remarks in regards to the Sunday school and its progress. A great many of our people seem to be lonesome without the presence of J. M. Spencer. Sacrament was administered by the pastor at St. Paul A. M. E. church Sunday. Literary at St. John Baptist church every Tuesday night. The Nashville Students amused the people of Newport about three hours Monday night at the opera house. They created quite a sensation. It was very fine. J. M. Spencer has twenty-five pupils enrolled. Mrs. Felix Henderson is very ill.

The Epworth League.

Marshall, Tex., Special.

The colored people of Harrison county are doing very well. The free school is going on. The Epworth League Society of Red Oak Grove is doing a good work. The members are composed of the honored and most intelligent young people in the county. Officers of the League are C. Grant, president; D. Moody, first vice; Jas. Neal, second vice; G. W. Davenport, third vice; T. G. Grant, fourth vice; Mrs. Shaw, secretary. Christmas was celebrated in grand style by the people of Red Oak Grove. The singing was conducted by the choir. Bible reading by B. Shaw; prayer by the same. The program was made out by Prof. G. W. Luster. Speeches were made by Miss Eva Johnson, Miss Margie Shaw, Miss E. L. Warden, Miss Ada Johnson; addresses by John Blair and R. T. Young.

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Wanted.—The address of Agnes Ross, brother of Mary Ross, a colored woman generally known as "Lame Mary," who before 1863 was a slave of David Castleman of Lexington, Ky. She left Lexington suddenly about 1864 or 1865 and never returned. When last heard of through her letters to her mother she was in or near Belmont, Pa. She is an heir to property in St. Louis. Any one knowing address of her, or her children, will favor her by sending same to John W. Dryden Atty. St. Louis. Mo.

I am very desirous of finding the whereabouts of Luvenia and Francis Harrard, owned by Dr. Joe Trint before the war. Their father's name was Joe Harrard; mother's name, Maria Harrard. Their brothers' names were Braxton, Isom, Robert and Washington Harrard. I, Washington Harrard, am very anxious to find my lost sisters. They were sold in Richmond, Va. Any information relative to them will be thankfully received. Address, Washington Harrard, Dawson, Ga.

I would like to know the whereabouts of some of my people, which, to my remembrance, belonged to a slave-holder by the name of Gamble, and lived in Defate county, Mo. My mother's name was Ellen Gamble, my father's, Anthony Gamble; and four brothers, the oldest, Henry Gamble; next, Ellison, Walter and Alander; sisters, Jane, Mollie, Chanie, Harriet, Emiline and myself, Eliza. Old Gamble had two sisters both married, one named Steward and the other Walker. To his sister, Mrs. Steward, he gave sister Jane and myself, and my sisters Chanie and Mollie, to his sister, Mrs. Walker. My sister Jane was married to a man named Abe. My people left old Gamble's place by night, but could not take me, as I was kept up at the house; but I remember a short time after they left, my mother sent my sister Mollie after me, but they would not let her have me. Any information concerning any of the persons will be thankfully received by Mrs. Eliza Dyson, 4202 Lucky street, St. Louis, Mo.

I would like to know the whereabouts of my sister. Her name is Susan Adlet White. The last time I saw her was at the air in Florence, Boone, County, Ky., in 1877. She was living with a white family by the name of Sanders, who lived between Walton and Union, Boone, County, Ky. I was living with Mr. Arthur D. McFell's family, also; white. I have a half brother his name is George Robinson. Our mothers name is Am rica White. She died at Mr. Campbell's in Burlington, Boone, County, Ky., in the year of 1874. She left a child about three or four years old. Mr. McFell and family moved to Crittenden County, Ky., in 1879 and I went with them. I have not heard anything from my relatives since I came to Crittendon. Pastors will please read this to their congregation. Any information will be thankfully received. Address Mary E. Hughes, Weston Crittenden County, Ky., in care of Robert Hughes.

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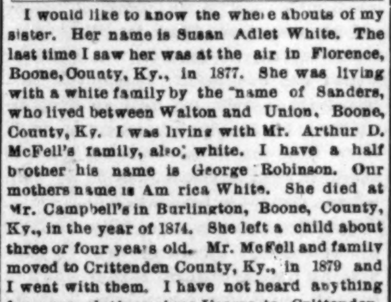

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THE TRUE CAUSE OF SOUTHERN LYNCHING.

In the crime statistics of the past year, lynching appears with unpleasant conspicuity. It makes a very black mark in every year's statistic, and the deeper and broader that mark, the greater the humiliation of our vaunted civilization. The necessary inference is that when the punishment of crime is undertaken by private hands or lawless bodies of "regulators," and the laws are silent, the duly constituted authorities are either cowed or partners in the guilt.

Last year there were 190 lynchings, and 166 of them occurred in the South and 24 in the North. Kentucky, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas were the states most conspicuous in this lawlessness. Of the Northern states, Ohio and Indiana show the greatest number of lynchings, but the record is only two for each state against the 19 of Kentucky and the 16 of Mississippi. In the South the lynched were, in nearly every case, Negroes, and numbers of them were only suspected of crime.

It may be well said that, under such circumstances, it might be in order for the Turkish government to send a special commissioner to investigate our massacres of Negroes. Until we can make a better record than 1894 shows as to the crime of lynching alone, it is evident that our house is too generally constructed of glass for us to throw stones at those who pass by. In the Northern states the crime is infrequent. It is a matter of almost daily occurrence in the South, where the excuse is that the crime which is punished is rape, and that the wives and daughters of white men are not safe from brutal assaults by Negroes. Let the South try the efficacy of prompt and orderly arrest of such criminals and their trial in due form in the courts; then conviction on evidence, and then execution under all the dreadful formalities of the law, and the effect would be of a powerfully conservative character upon the Negro —Minneapolis Journal.

The reference in the above to the Turkish government is a fine bit of irony hitting the bull's eye fair and square and worthy of reflection. Indeed, when Turkey's semi-barbaric condition is placed in contrast to America's proud boast of fin de siecle civilization, in the face of the wholesale lynchings that have at last aroused the surprised and indignant censure of Christian governments throughout the world, the Turk, in the matter of God and morality actions, has more than a shade the best of it. In essaying to suggest however, waste of breath, to the South, that the machinery of the courts and the law should be relied upon instead of the mob, our Minneapolis contemporary means well, but reckons from a false premise. The assumption that the charge of rape as made daily against some Negro of the South is true one time in fifty, is entirely gratuitous, and is no longer believed, if it ever was, by the observant and fair-minded people of the country and the world. Not all who cry Lord, Lord, shall be gathered with the elect in the city of the New Jerusalem, nor all the white women of the South, who cry rape, when fearing detection, while in the act of breaking the seventh commandment in collusion with a Negro is raped, by a jug full. There is also another, and a more exasperating fact at the bottom of the cruel and barbaric persecutions of the Negro in the South, that white men of the North have ever displayed a strange fatuity to overlook, which, some day let us hope, they will discern, and discerning act upon. The ex-slave and his descendants in their changed condition as freeman and American citizen is an ever present irritant of the fine sensibilities of the men of the South, who strove in vain through the arbitrament of war to destroy the Union in the interest of human slavery. Though conquered by force of might into a sullen submission to the authority represented by the stars and stripes and the boys in blue, their hatred of everything Northern still survives. In a certain sense every freedman of the South is a living, animated, ever present reminder of their defeat and humiliation. What wonder is it then, that they delight and insist on making the Negro the scapegoat of their grief and bitter disappointment, killing, mobbing him upon the slightest pretext, not that their wives and daughters are in jeopardy, basest lie of the century, but as an emphasization of their hatred of the North, whose sturdy loyal sons killed forever and a day, their dream of empire with slavery as a corner stone.

No Negro was ever killed by a Southern mob since the war, with perhaps an occasional exception, that the hoots and jeers that met his cries for mercy and justice, did not come from the brazen throats of men, who hated the Negro because he was no longer their chatel, but beyond that hatred, deep, malignant, unforgiving was a hatred, of the North for making him a free man and citizen. Organized rebellion, as trained, marshalled, and led by Davis Lee and Jackson, is no more, but the spirit that nursed and inspired it still lives to again menace in some form or other, the peace and perpetuity of our free institutions. The signs are growing plainer day by day, he who runs may see.

A SPECTACLE OF IMPOTENCE.

New York World (Dem)

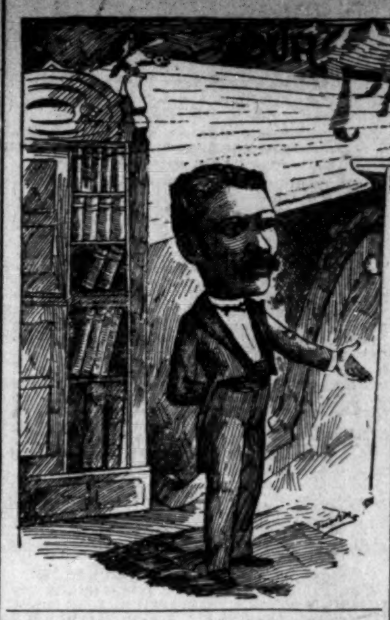
The spectacle of impotence presented by the Democratic majority in Congress is a shameful one. The Treasury is in a strait. Our gold supplies are shipping away to Europe in spite of favorable trade balances. The integrity of the currency itself is maintained only by repeated resort to a costly make-shift. The business of the country is embarrassed by apprehension and its credit abroad is impaired by reason of perfectly understood and easily remediable conditions.

The Democratic party has a majority in both Houses of Congress, and it has the President. Its representatives in the Congress can do what they please to relieve the situation. Yet they do nothing, and seem ready to confess their inability to do anything in an emergency of acknowledged gravity. It is time for the Democrats in Congress to get together. It is time for them to put aside their factional wranglings and do the duty that lies so near them. There is a need of a leader with a strong hand. There is need of common sense and a due recognition of the country's claim for relief. It is probably true that this Congress cannot pass any comprehensive currency bill, and perhaps is it just as well. But it can do all that is immediate necessary. The Democratic majority can force through Congress a bill authorizing the Treasury to protect itself and the integrity of the currency by the sale of low-rate short-time bonds when necessary. It can allay distrust, put an end to uncertainty and restore confidence by referring the whole monetary question to a competent non-partisan commission of experts. It is high time to do this if the Democratic majority is not to go out of power covered with the ignominy of confessed and demonstrated impotence.

He Hastily Responds.

EDITOR FREEMAN—Dear Sir: Please find enclosed the trifle you accept for The Freeman. Very Respectfully,

G. N. GRISHAM,
Prin. Schools, Kansas City, Mo.



A LANCE OR TWO WITH THE "GANG."

There are some Negroes in this State who make periodical trips to the North and with unblushing gall, glibness of tongue and a false presentation of facts get money to educate the Negro boys and girls. Then they come back, feather their own nest and console themselves with a thought of 'What fools those mortals are" We propose in the near future to turn the electric light of truth upon some of those rascals and let the world know who they are. There are some who deserve sympathy and support, but others are tricksters and swindlers with nothing else to commend them but their pleasing address and glib tongues. They are whited sepulchres. It is time now for the Negro press to fight wrong where ever found. So look out. There will be some rattling of dry bones in the near future.—Petersburg Herald.

It has always been time for the Negro press to fight wrong; haven't just found that out have you? However, your resolve is a good one. Toot your bazoo along that line of determination long and loud, and you'll make no mistake.

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According to a convention entered into between France and Liberia the latter has virtually placed itself in the power of the former. Indeed, a close reading of the convention shows that it was the resolute purpose of France to get control of Liberia.

The determined purpose of France to enforce its protectorate over Madagascar, even at the point of the bayonet, when it is plain upon its face that the protectorate right was secured by fraud and subterfuge, should have served as a warning to the Liberians. The fate of Egypt with its English protectorate should have also served as a warning.—The Age.

When an individual can't control or fed himself, the humanitarian genius that prevades the methods and trend of our modern christian civilization makes provision for and supplies his wants. In a larger, though identical sense the world has always contained in its galaxy of nations, struggling, puny no-reason-for-being-alive, members woefully in need of guardians or protectorates. Among the latter to-day, Liberia comes near holding a cinch on first place.

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Possibly the first and worst charge to be brought against the author is that of bad grammar, which is patent everywhere at the most cursory glance through the book. Indeed, my experience in reading the ex-Congressman's book was very similar to that which Matthew Arnold had in his perusal of Grant's Memoirs. "I found a language all astray in its use of will, and shall, should and would, * * * an English without charm, and without high-breeding," but not "a man from all restless self-consciousness and desire for display perfectly free;" nor one "never boastful where he himself was concerned." Boastfulness and egotism are, in truth, the most apperent attributes of Mr. Langston's speech or pen, while a few specimens of his English will set at naught all thoughts of unfairness on my part. —Boston Courant, on Langston's Book.

This little person, our fellow editor of the "Hub," seems so bent on convincing his handful of readers he's a "shush nuff" grammarian, that we doubt he "sleeps o' nights" for worrying over it. Note with what naivete he compares himself to Matthew Arnold, that prince of dead critics; could anything be more charming? Pity before he obtained a smattering of grammar, he had not been more prodigally endowed with the old fashioned article, known as brains. Upon the whole however, he is sometimes an interesting scribe, and the truth is, we exchange with poorer papers than the Courant right along

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The Republican Sun comes with no apology, boasts or promises. It does not beg of any individual or party his or its support. It makes its bow before its audience of readers with the impression that it must interest, amuse and instruct before it can claim any attention whatever. It feels that it has a particular work to do, and since it is the only newspaper in the State of Rhode Island devoted to the interests of the colored citizens, it intends to do its work as fast as possible. We give notice right here and now, that capitalists may as well restrain themselves from inquiring after stock in this institution, for we have money enough, we don't want any stock company to divide the profits with. We dislike to attend stock funerals. If our money should become exhausted, we have assistance which may not be known to the public. It is not necessary that it should. We have made arrangements for the loan of a pair of shears, a dish of paste and second hand dictionary, and we hope to have access to our neighbor's encyclopedia, thus enabling us to answer with becoming dignity and promptness questions pertaining to Darwin's Theory, the tariff, the soul's immortality, as well as all angelic inhabitants of the solar system. We are out for the "stuff," therefore ward politicians would do well to let us examine their "sack" before getting their cards printed.—Providence R. I., "Republican Sun."

"Well now, dew say!" Whether this strippling lives a week or many years, there's a piquancy of flavor about his little "make your bow" speech as entertaining as the "just on the sly" glances of a six months young widow tugged out in fin de seicle mourning. "Out for the stuff," is a refreshing poser, and no doubt entirely true. Welcome! Is THE FREEMAN'S greeting to you sir.

The world is large enough
There's room enough for all.

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The Taylor and Chase controversy has reached a very serious aspect. The Recorder has become tired of constant menacing and slander and has bearded the lion in his den. A warrant was sworn out by him on Tuesday evening last against Editor Chase for criminal libel, and the case was called for Wednesday. At the request of Mr. Chase's attorneys the case was postponed until Friday. The judge refused the request that Mr. Chase be allowed to appear upon his personal recognizance, and Mr. Chase was placed under three hundred dollars bond to appear on Friday.

This case will settle the right of newspapers to indiscriminately slander individuals for a mere caprice, and will be quite a relief to the Washington public. Mr. Taylor has the sympathies of the general public on his side.—The Defender.

The probabilities are that the hopeful and variagated editor of The Defender got into camp just in time to escape being co-defendent with Bro. Chase against the aroused ire of the District Recorder. No newspaper has a right to indulge in indiscriminate or the mildest kind of slander of anyone, but whether Mr. Calvin Chase of the Washington Bee, has been guilty of slandering Mr. Taylor is yet to be found out, hence The Defender's implication, in advance of the trial that he did, "don't go."

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The Texas Freeman wants an equal chance in the race of life and nothing more. The Golden rule—Do unto others as you would have them do unto you—has been adopted as its motto, and for this reason it urgently requests all delinquent subscribers to pay the money that justly belongs to the paper, and stop giving it the razzle dazzle. Some of our "prominent leaders," who often dare to dictate the policy of the paper have received The Freeman regularly since the advent of the initial number of November 4th, 1883, and they have as often promised to pay for the same but they have never done so. We have borne with these and many others until "forbearence has ceased to be a virture," and unless they respond to this respectful demand we shall be forced to erase their names from our books after they have been depicted by our camera in their false attitudes.

Respectfully submitted,
C. N. LOVE, Business Man.—Texas Freeman.

Mistake! Don't erase their names until they have either paid what they owe you voluntarily, and then request to be "cut off," or you have secured a judgment in the courts for the amount due. Certainly you want to live, should live—you are issuing a good paper, a credit to every Negro and "nigger" in your State, but what you also want and MUST NOT supplicate for, is the money that is honestly due you. GET IT, or the next door to it, a judgment for the amount, with court costs attached, holding the same for collection when and how you can until barred by the statute of limitation "Prominent leaders!" Bah! Prominent dead beats is a far more deserving appellation. Wherever the race "most do congregate," North, South, East or WEST, these shining parasites are found, and as long as Negro newspaper men permit the imposition, will suck their blood and devour their subsance. The only time you can insult them is when you either shame or force them by the constituted authority to a show of honesty. Successful men of the other race understand that issuing a newspaper is cold, unadulterated BUSINESS! NEGRO newspaper men must learn and act upon the same saving truth before they can write SUCCESS above their efforts.

TO DIVIDE THE SOLID SOUTH.

[Memphis Scimitar.]

An esteemed Northern Democratic contemporary announces that the Republican leaders are about to adopt a conciliatory policy toward the South, with a view to breaking its solidarity, something they have failed to do by pursuing the contrary policy. They hope by such a course to divide the electoral vote of the South next year. The paper goes on to say:

The Republican managers are not fools. They are, in fact, much more sagacious and astute than the Democratic politicians who have been posing before the country as the "steering committee of the senate," who have only succeeded in steering the Senate and the party into the mud. The fruits of this skillful management may be best appreciated by comparing the Democratic majority in the present Congress with the Republican majority in the next. For further particulars refer to the returns of the last November elections.

The Republicans understand things better. Such men as Reed, Aldrich, Allison, Sherman and the like make no such schoolboy mistakes. They know their business, and see their opportunity in the present divided and discouraged condition of the Democratic party. If the Senate itself is to be reformed, and its business conducted upon business principles, they propose to get all the credit for it. Closure will be introduced and enforced by a Republican Senate in spite of the "traditions" which the steerers so much cherish and set above the Constitution. If the currency is to be reformed and placed upon a safe and stable basis, in accordance with the popular demand, it seems probable that the credit of achievement also will be reserved for the next Congress. The policy of the Democratic managers of the present Congress seems to be to do nothing.

But especially significant is the evident intention of the Republican leaders to divide, if they can, the "solid South," by disarming and allaying the apprehension of the Southern people that Republican supremacy would mean a revival of force-bill agitation and federal election laws. It is the sectional spirit and attitude of the Republican party which has made the South "solid." With the steady increase of the South in population, the development of its vast resources, the return of prosperity and wealth among its people, the permanent rule of a purely and selfishly sectional party like the Republican would be an impossibility. The Republican leaders recognize this fact, and hence the first step toward desectionalizing their party, if one may say so, is to abandon the force-bill programe, or appear to do so.

With the "Negro domination" idea eliminated from our politics, and the proscriptive spirit engendered by the war dying out, there is no reason why the South should not divide on current issues, except that a majority of the Southern white people believe in Democratic principles. This faith alone would keep them practically solid for the party, were it not for the tendency to Populistic ideas of finance which have been exploited for some time past by a number of the Democratic leaders, and which have confused the mids of the voters to a considerable extent.

To this disintegrating influence may be added the feeling of disgust with the idiotic bickerings and damaging inaction of the party representatives in Congress, and the selfish and arrogant course of the State managers. These blunders and political heresies, not to mention the element of "personal" politics, have paved the way for a Republican invasion.

In Tennessee, for instance, the result is already seen in the election of a Republican Governor, and if the management which has brought about this discomfiture of the party is allowed to disgrace it also, by reversing the election returns by brute force, the enemy will have an excellent chance of getting the electoral vote of Tennessee in 1896.

The South could not be divided from without. The work must be done within its borders. And, so far as this State is concerned, it is already half done.

THE SCIMITAR has less of the mean, stinking Bourbon instinct within its hide than most of the Southern dailies, we are surprised therefore that it should prate seriously of "Negro domination," as though there ever was a moment since the war that the South took any stock in this manufactured canard. There is a jingle of sincere utterance however, in its opinion that the South is so wedded to Democratic principles, whatever that means, that the dream of a divided South is vague and shadowy. There is a world of good advice to Democratic buccaneers in the reflection upon the evident intent to go behind the returns in Tennessee for the purpose of unseating the Republican governor elect. But the most striking statement in the above, and which we have no doubt is in the main true, is that the Republican party is about to adopt a new and conciliatory to the South with a view to dissolving its solidarity, the Negro and his interests to the dem bow wows. In the language of Sam Slick, "let 'em rip!" Sometimes the surest way to learn a "kid" to swim is to throw him over in the angry flood without ballast or support. Sink or swim! shouted above the din of the surging tide, has urged many a drowning man to reach dry land.

ANDREW JACKSON'S GHOST.

There were lots of celebrations
  In the West and in the East;
There were viands and libations
  For the largest and the least;
There were speeches, speeches, speeches;
  The torrent would not dam,
When it turned upon the hero
  Who punched old Pakenham.

They gloried in the glory
  Of a glorious past and told,
In hyperbolic story,
  Of the wonderous deeds of old;
They pointed to the future,
  And saw on Victory's brow
A limb of lustrous laurel,
  Which they cannot see there now.

At the time of all this blowing,
  'Way down in Tennessee
A grim, gray ghost was showing
  Some signs of energy;
He sighed deep in his bosom,
  And now and then would cuss,
The meanwhile turning over
  In his sarcophagus.

He sat up, and intently
  With hand up to his ear,
He nodded, not quite gently,
  At most that he could hear.
He listened to the buncombe,
  And thought of recent facts,
Whereby his party'd got it
  Where chickens get the ax.

He knew the wretched story,
  Which had disturbed him there;
A triumph, transitory,
  Disaster and despair.
Then hearing still the speaking,
  He shook his bony head,
And groaned; "By the Eternal,
  I'm glad that I am dead."

—New York Sun.

THE INDIANA OPPORTUNITY.

[Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.]

The Republicans of Indiana now have the great chance of their political history. It depends wholly upon them whether Indiana shall be made solidly and reliably Republican, or once again be relegated to the list of doubtful states, to be struggled and fought for at every recurring election. It is true that the magnitude of the victory they won at the recent election was far beyond their most sanguine hopes, but still there was enough in that victory to show that the tide of sentiment in the state has really changed. Shall that change be made permanent? Will the party justify the people in thus once more giving to the Republicans the control of affairs.

Never before in the history of the party has wise and prudent counsels been more needed. It is a time for leadership. Politicians are prone to take a great victory as a license to go to extremes—to ride the high horse, so to speak—to sweep out and sweep in for the personal benefit of party leaders and whippers-in. Reaping the present, forgetting the future, is too often the motto of selfish politicians.

In Indiana there is much, very much in the past history of the Democratic rule to awaken the feelings of revenge, and a desire to give the minority something of the same medicine they have so persistently dealt out to their enemies when they have had power. Simply looking at the past acts of the Democratic party would justify almost any extreme measure the Republicans might feel inclined to adopt, but there is something else to look at; something more permanent than revenge. The danger is that the Republicans in their zeal may overdo the matter and cause a reaction in public sentiment. Wise legislation, in the interest of the people, is sure to help the party.

For years every effort of the Democrats has been toward the one end of securing party advantage. The rights of the people, as well as their interests, has been steadily and ruthlessly ignored. The great benevolent institutions have been systematically raped year after year in the interest of party workers; the prisons have been made to yield up their quota of political rottenness that ward bummers might grow rich; in most of the cities the people have been robbed of the right of municipal self-government; by iniquitous lines an attempt was made to defraud a great mass of the people of the right of suffrage. These and a hundred other crimes against the people have been committed in the name of the party.

The Republicans must not fall into the same pool. They must steer clear of all such unsurpations; they must recognize that the people have rights that rise above partisan advantages. While correcting the evils under which the people have been suffering, they must not create others. Broad-minded, liberal, wise legislation is needed. Given that and Indiana will remain steadfastly Republican. Given anything else, and the State again becomes a battle-ground for contending factions.

While it may be true that ultra virture is not always appreciated, and parties seldom get full credit for excessive sacrifice in refusing to take advantage of political opportunities in the matter of legislation, there is something more than party advantage to be considered. There are, after all, but a small minority in either party that believe in partisan legislation.

The Gold Strike.

Leadville, Col., Special.

The weather is extremely cold. Mrs. J. H. Shepherd has returned from a visit to Leavenworth. John Smith of Denver is in the city the guest of J. W. Young. Mrs. Luta Gilbert and children went to Denver on the 7th to remain for some time with her husband who is a trusted employe at the Union depot of that city. Mrs. M. E. Lee and daughter have returned from the Capital City. Master Johnny Johnson is suffering with a sore thumb. Mrs. A. J. Walker's son Willie is ill. Miss Ollie Green has returned to her home in Colorado Springs after a pleasant sojourn in our city. Mrs. A. E. Bohanan has returned from Denver and reports having had a pleasant visit. The recent gold strike at Leadville is causing considerable excitement Hundreds of new faces are seen on the streets, and a great boom is anticipated. Little Mildred Johnson is just recovering from the mumps. Mrs Hattie Simpson has returned from Grand Junction.

Personal Notes.

Alton, Ill., Special.

W. D. Elgin has returned home from a visit to relatives in Clarksville, Mo. Miss Plicha Hudland spent Christmas in Kirkwood, Mo. Fred Byron has returned to Shertleff college from East St. Louis.

The Poorest Man in the World

Can write to me and receive by return mail, in a plain envelope, sealed, free, a prescription with full directions for a speedy, permanent and private home cure for Lost Manhood, Nervous Debility, Atrophy, Night Losses, Varicocele, etc. I will furnish the medicine, if desired, cheaper than it would be put up at a drug store. Address G. B. Wright, box No. 1368, Marshall, Mich.

MY LIFE AS I REMEMBER IT—AS SLAVE AND FREE MAN.

COMPILED, ARRANGED AND WRITTEN BY MYSELF, GEORGE L. KNOX.

CHAPTER V.

It was about ten o'clock in the day so they gave us our breakfast of "hard tack," coffee and "sow belly." This was our first meal inside the Union lines. We waited around there a while and no one seemed to want to claim us. About a half mile away was the infantry picket line They said we could go up there and they would tell us where to go. As we were marching on, dressed in brown jeans, we had the appearance of rebels, scattered and going through the woods. This aroused the suspicion of the

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picket and they began to fumble their guns as though ready to shoot. I ordered the boys to get together and march in the road or we would be shot. When we got there they asked us where we came from. I told them that our masters were in the rebel army and we were making our escape in order that we might join the Union army. They said they could do nothing for us, but would send a guard to go with us into the infantry picket headquarters. When we got there they said the orders were very strict and they dared not to take charge of us. The headquarters were in an old gin mill. This now was about half past eleven in the day. They then detailed a guard and took us to Gen. Geo. Waggoner's headquarters. When we got to the general's headquarters he interrogated us in regard to leaving home, and why we had left. I told him my master was in the rebel army, in open rebellion against the Union.

He told the guard to take us over to the quartermaster's headquarters. It was twelve o'clock. Just about this time they were sweeping the quarters and they handed each one of us a brush and told us to begin sweeping. We had been traveling all night, marched twenty-five miles and this had made us very sore in our legs. Everybody was sweeping. At twelve o'clock the pickets would go out to shoot their guns off, while the drums were beating and flags waving, and the soldiers were marching to and fro, so we felt just about like a country dog in town for the first time. Our masters had been telling us all the time that the yankees wanted to get us and sell us in Cuba as slaves. I overheard a couple of yankees saying, "There is a big fellow up there (he had reference to one of Jenning's slaves) that we could get $2,000 for in Cuba." To my great surprise there stood a man with a great long wagon whip, striking as though he would strike at some one. As I came by my brother sweeping, seeing this man with the whip, I said in a low tone, "It seems that our master's words are about to come true." At length the sweeping was all done, and the whip was laid away. I afterwards found out that that whip was all for mischief. Tired, and in the midst of strangers, all new faces to us, I began to reflect. I said to my brother in a low tone as I passed him, "this is hell isn't it;" he said. "it is." However, I concluded if we had made our bed hard, we would lay on it, and never go back until we were taken or times were better. My brother went over into the 57th regiment and got employment there. The old man, Moses Beagles, was sixty years old. They give him the job of cooking. and gave John Beagles and myself a job as teamsters. My team was as large as horses. We took charge of our teams and commenced hauling around Murfreesboro.

Now we were right in the midst of army life. I being away from home fifteen months once before, was better prepared to stand it than the rest. They began to get homesick. I told them to cheer up and be men and not get discouraged. I said, "don't you know if you go home you will get your backs cut all to pieces?" We had been there about a month. My brother took sick and was carried to the hospital. I took care of my team and waited on him the best I could. The nurses there did not take very good care of him. There were many sad sights in the hospital. I witnessed a very sad one. An old gentleman and a younger man were lying side by side; they had been lying there about two weeks, and I began to ask them questions. The old man said that the young man was his son and he had not seen him for twenty years, and he had laid side by side with him two weeks before recognizing him, curse of slavery, separating parents from their children and vice versa. The next day my brother died. This made me very sad and threw a gloom over my pathway. My heart was filled with grief to such an extent that I shall not undertake to describe it. He was buried there. This left me alone. The only brother I had dead and gone from me. I felt the people at home would blame me for taking him away to his death.

Gen. Rosencrans was waiting for the roasting ears and peaches to mature so that he could have something for his army to feed on before he moved. One night about twelve o'clock we received marching orders. We started on our march from Murfreesboro to Chattanooga by the way of Talahoma. When we got to Talahoma we stopped there for a day or two. There the Union army had captured a lot of rebels and I went around to see if I knew any of them. I saw the son of old man Ayres who I used to work for. He asked me where I was going. I told him I was going on with the Union army. We got the news when we were there that John Morgan was making his raid through Indiana and Ohio. One of the teamsters was a white man, and I said to him that I hated Morgan to go in among the Union people and kill them off. He said he was glad of it; I asked him why, and he said that he had an uncle there who was as big a rebel as any of them, and that he wished they would take every horse he had and burn his barns. This was my first knowledge of a division of sentiment in the North.

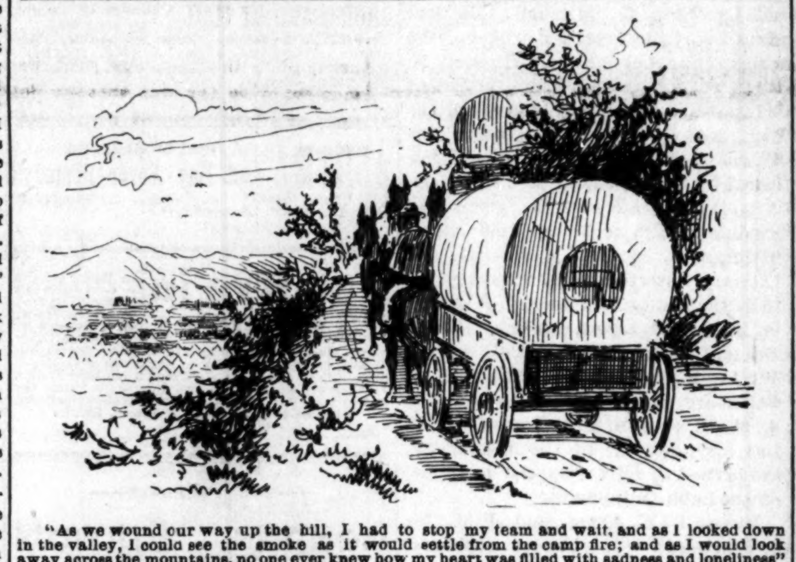
Years after, when in attendance at the Annual Reunion of the 57th Indiana Regiment, I was called upon to make a speech; responding I related what had passed between a white man and myself about John Morgan While I was telling it I noticed some one move out in front of me and he waited there eagerly until I had finished speaking, when he said, "I am the boy who was talking to you about my old uncle in Ohio." Then and there we had a re-union of our own, aside from the general show.

CHAPTER VI.

We continued our march toward Chattanooga. The armies had passed on and the wagons had to follow; and as we went along we saw many new graves along the road. We knew then that marching meant a tramp through the valley of death. We got through to Palham, and stopped there for a while. I took sick and doctored every way I could trying to cure myself. The old man who made the trip with us took sick and I suppose died, for I never saw him more.

On Sunday morning we began our march to Warner's ridge; it was so steep that the soldiers helped to pull the wagons up. We went into camp about dark, and the next day we started out and marched all day on top of the ridge. In the evening we began to go down. We commenced going down, the hill was very steep, and although we locked all the wheels of the wagon, the mules nearly pulled them over. When we were near the bottom my wagon broke down, and we stopped there about two or three days. I was still sick and went to the doctor, and in a few days I was well again. Then we went out foraging and brought in roasting ears and peaches, and made peach cobbler, and I enjoyed myself eating peach cobbler. One day there was a great alarm in camp. They said the rebels were coming and I was sure we were all going to be captured, but it turned out to be a false alarm. Then we had orders to march again and go up another hill, and just as we had got to the foot of the hill, John, who had kept me under his house and fed me in the mountains, came to me and said, "George, I am going home." I said, "What is the matter with you, you have lost your reason haven't you?" I told him if he wanted to be a baby he could go back home. He said he was going back, and I told him he was liable to be killed before he got back, but he said he was going back. I told him to go, and when he got back to say he left me in Schotcha Valley, and that "I am never coming back until the times are better, and can be a free man."

As we wound our way up the hill, I had to stop my team and wait, and as I looked down



"As we wound our way up the hill, I had to stop my team and wait, and as I looked down in the valley, I could see the smoke as it would settle from the camp fire; and as I would look away across the mountains, no one ever knew how my heart was filled with sadness and loneliness"

in the vally I could see the smoke as it would settle from the camp fire; and as I would look away across the mountains, no one ever knew how my heart was filled with sadness and lonliness. As I would think that I was the only one left out of four, I would look down in the valley again while the tears began to roll down my cheeks. I said to myself, "Cheer up, it can't alwaps be thus, there is something better awaits me." We finally reached the top of the ridge and stayed there about a week waiting for the army to come around. It was very dry and in August, and we hardly had water for man or beast, and were out of all kinds of rations except some crackers. We were living on roasting ears. One evening when we were hard up for rations, (they issued four ears of corn to each soldier) ono man died and I heard ono of the beys say you could go over in Indiana where the dead man had lived and get his corn. We were then about five miles from Chattanooga upon the mountain. They lost trace of the rebels there, so they began to throw shells and feelers, trying to find where the enemy were, and one day they struck a nest of them. The next news we heard was that we had thrown shells into Chattanooga and driven them out of the town. I had orders with other teamsters to take our wagons and go to Chattanooga. We started our teams down the mountain. It was dark and dreary looking, and we had just about two feet of space to the edge of the precipice. Just above us was about three or four hundred feet of rock or stone, and had we fallen we would have gone down amidst the panthers and wild cats. I unloaded my wagon at the ferry and then went back for another load; before we got back it was daylight. We loaded up our wagons and came down again. Then we went back and crossed over on the ferry boat and drove into the town waiting for orders to move. My wagon being the first to enter.

I overheard some colored women talking, and I supposed it was for my benefit, as I was with the army. I heard one of them say that "I told Misses this morning that I was not going to milk any more cows, the yankees have come and I am free now." I said to them, "You had better stay with your mistress until the war is over; that it was hard times in the army, and you had better stay at home. They said the year of jubilee had come and there was no more milking of the cows. As I drove up the main street of Chattanooga, I went into a house. It seemed to be a deserted hotel, and and there were a lot of rebel clothes I selected a white coat with blue collar, blue cuffs and brass buttons. This was my uniform. The army had come over in advance of us, and I had orders to take my team and go out foraging. As I was driving along I said to myself "I cannot see why Bragg retreated from here." I felt that he had moved out for the purpose of drawing us into a trap. This was in September. That day while I was out hauling, they began to fight. I heard the roaring of canon, and said to the men who were with me that we were going to have a hard time, because the rebels knew what they were doing when they vacated the place. So we captured a rebel out there, who seemed to be scared and excited, and took him into camp. The fight went on; that was on Thursday, and Friday; also on Saturday they had a very hard fight. General Rosencrans came back into town and said he had been wounded in the finger. Some of the people who had been out with him said that Gen. Rosencrans had just come into the city. I did not understand what he had come back for. I said that I believed they were whipping us, and so it was. Not long before 12 o'clock I had orders to take my team and go down near the foot of Look-out Mountain. There they were bringing the rebels back, shot, wounded and bleeding. I kept hauling baggage that evening for Warner's brigade. I afterwards learned that Warner's men came up there with their seven shooters.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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Appeal of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

To all Evangelical Churches of the United States of America and to the Methodist bodies of Canada and the British isles, Greeting:

Through the great mercies of God, we, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, have been brough within two years of the close of the first one hundredth anniversary of our history as a separate and distinct organization.

In 1796 James Varick and others, because of the existence of proscription and other conditions which hindered their intellectual development and religious growth, and prevented them from engaging in the work of spreading the cause of Christ and uplifting their fellows according as they felt themselves moved by the spirit of God, withdrew from the Mother Church and formed a separate and distinct organization, out of which has grown the great African Methodist Episcopal Zion church.

We congratulate ourselves on having had a man of such unselfish motives, sterling qualities and pronounced ability as an organizer and leader, to head this great religious movement; he was the first man of the race to grasp the great idea of a purely religious Negro organization. During this hundred years our church has grown from a handful to nearly 400,000 communicants, embracing every section of the United States, Canada, a part of Africa and some of the Islands of the Sea. It has taken a foremost part in all movements affecting the moral, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the race.

At the session of the General Conference held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1892, it was decided that we should hold our One Hundredth Anniversary in October, 1896, in the "Mother Zion," (or first established church of the connection) now situated on the corner of West Tenth and Bleecker streets, New York City, N. Y.

We take this medium through which to inform you of our intention and to earnestly ask your sympathy and co-operation to make this Centennial effort a success in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom and in the elevation of the race.

It is our purpose to hold a ten day Centennia conference, two sessions each day, at which time papers will be read and such subjects discussed as may be agreed upon.

Every denomination or religious organization is cordially invited to participate with us. We especially invite all Methodist organizations to take part with us.

Each denomination desiring representation will please communicate with Bishop A. Walters, D. D., Chairman Centennial Committee, No, 353 Bleeker street, New York City, N. Y.

Signed:

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G. U. O. of O. F. Installation.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Special.

The Rio Grande Lodge, No. 3537, G. U. O. of O. F., installation was a grand affair. The grand march was led by Capt. R. G. Ellis and Miss Susie Butler. After the grand march Rev. J. W. Hunter gave a very interesting lecture on Odd Fellowship. The people here in the far west deserve much credit for their intelligence, for they have very poor schools. Miss Susie Butler is at her studies at the Austin (Tex.) College.

Mrs. E Grigsby celebrated her 25th birthday. Among those present were Miss L. Hamilton, Mr. Tom Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury, Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Crigsby, Mrs. Johnson, Miss L. Johnson, J. A. Lewis and Miss Lola Grigsby. Mr. J. R. Butler, jr, and sister are at school at Tillotson Institute.

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Eloquent Pronounciamentos by Two of Arkansas' Able Divines.

True Religion Exemplified—Saved from the "Poor House"—Talk of Calisthenic and Dramatic Club.

Fayetteville, Ark., Special.

The Christmas issue of The Freeman was attractive in a high degree, and it is the wish of your correspondent that all future issues be in the same dress. Our people here received it with much gladness and gratitude as the exponent of progress along the line of journalism. Mr. T. B Littlejohn is still the efficient and genial mail clerk on the St. Paul road. He has made many friends in our city, as well as his amiable wife. Mr. Littlejohn is quite a lover of literature, and thinks The Freeman should be supported by the entire race.

Rev. Seth Neal, pastor of St. James M. E. Church, will soon leave for the annual conference. Rev. Neal has done much good in the community for the cause of Christ and The Freeman, and it is the sincere wish of the community that the conference will return him as our pastor another year. Besides his regular pulpit work he has done efficient missionary work in the city, for which God will reward him and a grateful community love him more. We hope the annual conference will remember us by returning him. Mr. W. M. Taylor did a good thing Sunday night in protesting against sending "Aunt Milly" Wheat to the poor-house This old soul, while she could walk, was a faithful member of the church, and always had her dollar, two dollars, or whatever amount was wanting ready to support the ministry, and to have her slipped out of the house and spirited away to the poor-house, to die from exposure, she being nearly a hundred years old, would be setting a bad precedent as a Christian church. Mr. Taylor showed that it would not only shake the confidence of those who believed in Christianity, but would cast a cloud of disgrace upon all Afro-Americans in the city. Promptly on Monday morning the poor house officials came for Aunt Milly, but Mrs. W. M. Taylor, who is always on hand when the needy are in trouble, met them and refused to let them induct Sister Wheat into the scenes and miseries of such a place, and took the old soul to her own home to care for her until death. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." "Whatsoever thou soweth, that shall thou reap." Mrs. Susie Thompson and Mrs. Dark rendered needed aid in preparing Aunt Milly to live a while longer.

Mr. J. V. S. Howard has returned from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn. Prof. W. J. Kidd has returned to Ft. Smith to resume work in the school room. Whenever jewelry of any kind is wanted, or watches repaired, don't fail to call upon Mr. J. L. Duke. Mr. Duke takes great pleasure in assisting any enterprise looking to the elevation of the Afro-American, therefore he promptly renewed for the Freeman. Remember this when going to purchase jewelry.

Many old subscribers have promised to renew in the near future. The correspondent hopes to find this true.

Rev. H. Moore excelled himself Sunday night, preaching from Eph., v, 13, "Marriage is honorable." Rev. Moore brought out the thought that many married for the fun of the thing; that in old age husbands in many instances forsook the wife of his early choice and sought the "lillies of the valley;" that like the sprig when engrafted into another, should grow; that most people did not regard their marriage vows as sacred, and as a result sorrow and separation followed. Rev. Moore showed that the wife furnished bread when the husband could not, when smitten by infirmity and sickness; that the press (colored) was doing all it could to elevate the race; that The Freeman was leading a host larger and better than it knew. I heartily agreed with Rev. Moore in every word uttered, and especially so when he said men drove their wives away by bad treatment, and in many instances to immoral practices. The entire congregation was sorry when Rev. Moore finished, but their sorrow was quickly dissipated when Rev. Seth Neal followed Mr. Moore by singing "While the Days are Going By," and taking up the subject introduced above. It was one of the grandest efforts of Mr. Neal's life, and many remarked that Brothers Moore and Neal had been "throwing off" on them all the year. I wish I could report the sermons in full, but space forbids.

Mrs. A. J. Shepherd is on the sick list. Rev. Seth Neal and Rev. H. Moore are firm friends of The Freeman and often mention it in their sermons. Suppose the young ladies of the city organize a calisthenic and dramatic club. What do you say Miss Lealia Cravens and Miss Cora M. S. Patterson? Fayetteville is on a steady and firm boom. Many handsome buildings are going up, and Northern immigration is fl wing in upon us. The Henderson School opens Feb. 25th. Let there be a full attendance as of yore.

MURDERED BY WHITE WOMEN

Who Blacked Their Faces and Wore Men's Clothing.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

We see through the Press Dispatch that the wives of two men dressed in their husbands clothing and blacked their faces so they could appear as Negro men, and went to a neighbor's house who had gone with their husband and thinking no one was present, they went in to rob the house and murdered his wife. A peddler who was permited to stay all night heard the cries of the woman and he shot the murderers for Negro men, but on examination they proved to be white women. If the peddler had not been there and shot them no doubt four or five colored men would have been lynched.

CITY NEWS.

Married Mr. Joe Lewis to Miss Mattie Elem. Prof. Clark, of Shorter University, made a flying visit to the city. J. C. Dukes, of the Pine Bluff Echo, was in the city this week. W. D. Foster lost his horse by fire. We have five colored doctors all of whom are very busy. Rev. G. V. Clark, of Memphis, delivered a good lecture at the Congregational church. Mr. Webb, of Memphis, and Miss Ingerman, of this city, were married at the Westly Chapel. It was a grand affair.

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Dunfermline, Ill, Special.

James Fayne, on Dec. 25, shot and brutally beat his wife. The desperado was captured and carried to St. David, to await trial, after which he was sent to Lewiston jail for safty. The earnest workers for God have managed to get a nice little $350 church built, and held services in it to-day. May God bless The Freeman and add more subscribers to it, as I shall do at once.

J. W.

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Are emblems of deeds that are done in their clime?
Where the rage of the vulture, the love of the turtle,
Now melt into sorrow, now madden to crime?
Know ye the land of the cedar and vine,
Where the flowers ever blossom, the beams ever shine;
Where the light wings of zephyr, oppress'd with perfume,
Wax faint o'er the gardens of Gul in her bloom;
Where the citron and olive are fairest of fruit,
And the voice of the nightingale never is mute;
Where the tints of the earth, and the hues of the sky,
In color though varied, in beauty may vie,
And the purple of ocean is deepest in dye;
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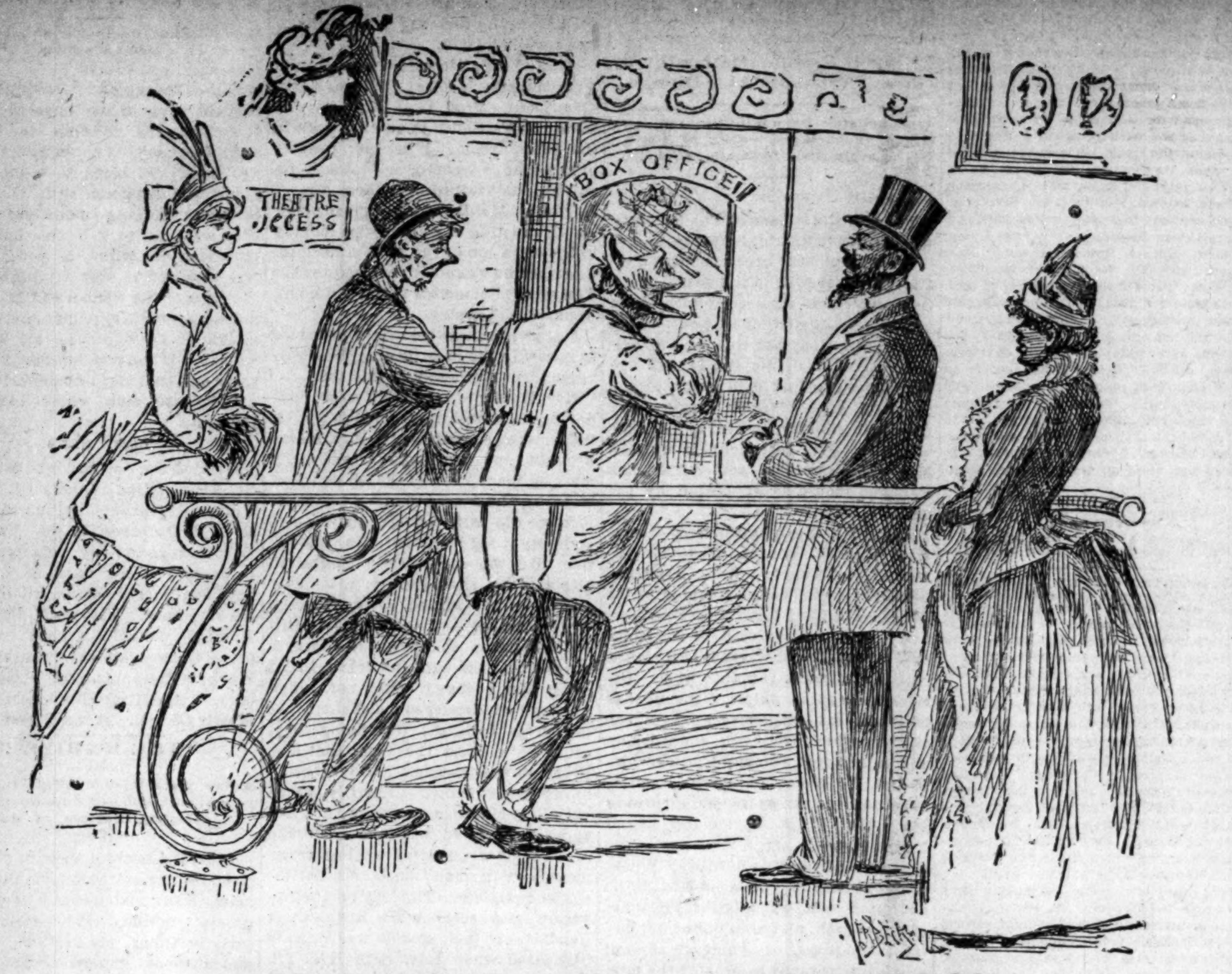

CONTRIBUTORY IMPOSITION.

You've seen this picture before, but the peculiar American characteristic it was originally intended to illustrate still exists. There is such a thing as contributory guilt. May it not be possible that the Negro's disposition to be too easily imposed upon has much to do with the manner he is frequently treated? Don't all answer at once.

THE PARASITE'S SOLILOQUY.

[With apology to Hamlet.]

To work or not to work, that is the question,
Whether tis better in the end to suffer
The pangs and pains of an empty stomach,
Or take arms and hands against such troubles,
And, by working end them. To work—to starve
No more, and by work to say we end
The headache and ten thousaud other shocks
That hunger is an heir to: 'Tis a consolation
Devoutly to be wished. To work—to save;
To save: perchance, grow rich.—Aye, there's the rub:
For in honest toil, what dreams may come
Of houses fine, or stocks and bonds,
Must give us pause.
Here's the respect
That makes calamity of a workman's life:
Why who would bear hods of brick or lime?
Be mason's slave, or blacksmith's serf?
The bangs with the "striker's" hammer
Would wear one out.
Who'd like to have the boss "blow them up"
When things went wrong,
When he himself would not make
A bare bodkin?
Who would baggage bear,
To groan and sweat under heavy trunks
With the dread of something getting lost
That if discovered we soon could not bear
To traveler's trunk—but be in jail.
This makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than go to work at—we know not what.
Thus, labor does make cowards of us all
And thus we renew the resolution
That we'll loaf about and not give work a thought
Nor enterprise reflection a moment.
With this resolve, we turn from toil away
And loose the name of "workmen."

—B. SQUARE.

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

At Tuskegee—Principal Washington Welcomed Home With Music and a Torchlight Procession.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.

Christmas and New Year's holidays have passed, but the remembrance of them will long remain in the hearts of those at this institution. The school's express wagon was kept busy on Christmas eve bringing hundred of Christmas "boxes," sent to students by their parents from all parts of the south. The dining room was beautifully decorated. Each student found on his table at breakfast, one or more beautiful cards and a package of candy, nuts and fruit—the school's Christmas gift.

The principal features of amusement were the foot-ball game and "mock" congress. The foot-ball association, although in its infancy, bids fair to attract its share of attention in the Athletic world. The campaign for the "mock" congress had been waging hot for several weeks between the Democratic, Republican and third parties, and despite the fact that the people have recently witnessed one of the grandest Republican victories in history, the third party by shrewdness and political sagacity, succeeded in electing its president and vice president, Messrs M Gaston Daniels and G. F. Besselle, class '94, and a majority of both houses. Morning and evening session were largely attened, the young ladies occupied the galeries. Miss King, who for sometime has been examining and criticising the work of the school, and suggesting improvements, attended each session, and after expressing her disapproval of the large amount of fillibustering carried on, and the inability of some of the members to control their tempers, gave it as he opinion that the Negro race is yet to produce the greatest orators of modern times.

Principal B. T. Washington arrived on the night of the 25th inst., in honor of his coming the battalion. arrayed as a torchlight procession on the campus, proceeded by the band discoursing sweet music—marched down near his residence, in front of the Alabama Hall, (Girl's building) where a large bonfire had been built. In that earnest and practical manner, which is apart of his make-up, Mr. Washington stated that it was his greatest pleasure to be at home among those for whom it is his highest duty, as well as privilege to labor; and that he hoped this rest from work would give each one new ambition and energy to do better work in the New Year. Emancipation was held in town on the 1st. Rev. A. J. Stokes, of Montgomery was the orator of the occasion. A notable feature of the day was the school's four iron-grey horses, hitched to a carriage made by the school, tastefully decorated with the "stars and stripes," and driven by J. H. Washington our worthy superintendent of industries. It contained Profs. J. W. Hoffman, R. R. Taylor and others. Prin. B. T Washington delivered an address at Montgomery. Our band furnished music for the occasion.

A City in Two States.

Bristol, Tenn., Special.

Bristol is a small city, with about 12,000 inhabitants. Of this number nearly 3,000 are colored. We have four colored churches, representing the following denominations: Methodist, Baptist, A. M. E. Zion and Christian Baptist, Bristol is divided in two by the State line. About one-half of the city is built in Tennessee and the other half in Virginia. We have two high-graded public schools, one on the Virginia side and one in Tennessee. The Virginia school is taught by Prof. J. G. Irvin, former student of the Petersburg High School, and Miss Eleanor Bowser, of Abingdon, Va., a graduate of Hampton Industrial and Agricultural Institute. The Tennessee school is one of the best graded school in East Tennessee. The principal is Prof. J. H. Tarter, graduate of Knoxville College, and is assisted by Miss Ella Pace, ex-student of Knoxville College, and Miss Rachel Jefferson, former student of Morristown Normal Academy.

Dr. J. H. Sheppard is teaching school at Benams, Va., while his wife, Mrs. Sarah Sheppard, is teaching at Gate City, Va. Miss Blanche Jefferson, one of Bristol's talented young ladies, is teaching school at Mendota, Va. Mr. Marcellus Sheppard has been teaching school at Bluff City, but his school has closed and he is again at home. Abraham Kendrick taught three months at Blountville. He is now in school again. Mr. Charles Irvin, one of Bristol's flourishing young men, has been teaching school at Oliver Springs, Tenn. He is now attending Knoxville College. Misses Ollie Pace, Lillie Pace and Georgia Sawyers are attending Knoxville College. Miss Bettie Wilson has left for Petersburgh to enter school.

G. W. Hampton is teaching a short school in South Bristol. Miss Lillie Watkins, of Cincinnati, is visiting Miss Katie C. Davis. Messrs. James Jefferson, Trigg Johnson and James Smith are our only colored brick layers and contractors. Dr. Manly and Blind Tom gave a musical concert at the Anglo-Baptist Church. An "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company appeared at the Opera House on December 25. The play was interesting and instructive.

A LOVER AND HIS LASS.

AFTER READING THE MEDICAL PRESS.

HE.

Take, oh! take those lips away!
Not but what I want to kiss them.
Not but what, believe me, pray,
I most certainly shall miss them.
Heretofore, you know, I've joyed
In our frequent lip-communion;
Never yet have I been cloyed
With the sweets of labial union;
'Tis on other grounds, I say,
"Take, oh! take those lips away!"

My decision is no whim,
Due, my love, to fit of vapors,
'Tis the consequence most grim
Of perusing doctors' papers;
For these journals now declare,
With malign persistence, Beryl,
That each kiss in which we share
Reeks (excuse the word) with peril.
That is why I'm forced to say,
"Take, oh! take those lips away!"

SHE.

Try not thus to me dissuade,
For in vain is your endeavor.
What, shall I shrink back afraid,
When my Edwin dares? No, never!
Darling, you know well our case,
Love has bound us in one tether,
So, if there be risks to face,
We will face them both together;
As you love me, then, don't say,
"Take, oh! take those lips away!"

HE AND SHE.

We will never be coerced
By the bullying baccillus,
Doctors, though they say their worst,
With dismay shall never fill us;
Let us, therefore, both of us,
Their last raven-croak dismissing,
Show that thus—and thus—and thus!
We shall mean to go on kissing.
Neither of us means to say,
"Take. oh! take those lips away!"

The Story of Two Celebrations.

Cambria, Va., Special.

Jan. 1, 1894, was a notable day in our part of Virginia. It was the occasion of the celebration of the emancipation of the Negro. A procession was formed in front of Memorial Baptist church, Rev. C. S. Schaeffer, pastor, and marched with slow, but measured step, through the main streets of Christianburg and Cambria, then back to the Memorial Baptist church, where we engaged in appropriate ceremonies. Principal Thweatt, of Christianburg Institute, Prof. C. H. Moore and others delivered speeches that reached the hearts of their hearers, and impressed them lastingly for good. The effect was so marked and the result so satisfactory, that before the meeting adjourned it was resolved to meet again on January 1, '95. Jan. 1, '95, was the day. It was cold, and we had a snow fall of three or four inches in depth, but in the face of all this, we had a large and lively crowd. Principal Thweatt, with his newly organized but interesting band, furnished music. The stares and stripes were unfurled and carried by mounted men through the entire march. As we listened to the music, watched with pleasure the honored flag, and looked musingly on that great mass of free men rejoicing in their liberty, we thought of Lincoln and Davis, Grant and Lee; but in gratefulness and with pride, we thought of Boston and Crispus Attucks, of Bunker Hill and Peter Salem. Truely, "God's wonders are performed in mysterious ways." An interesting program had been arranged and was carried out. Wm. Briggs, young man of this place, read a paper on "The Negro as a Citizen," that was warmly applauded. Mrs. R. S. P. Thomas, a teacher of this county, read a paper that was highly applauded by the audience. The principal speaker was our own lawyer, R. P. Armistead, of Lynchburg. He spoke on "The Negro as the Eighth Wonder of the World." His reasoning was so strong and his facts so simple and plain, when stated, that this eighth wonder was established here, before he reached his conclusion. He is a young man of brilliant talents.

Current Events at Wilberforce University.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

The general Faculty has just completed its arrangements for the observance of Founders Day which comes on the twenty-fourth day of Feburary. The holidays will be given on the 23rd. Of the three founders, Bishop Daniel A. Payne, Bishop James A. Shorter and Dr. John G. Mitchell, the last named only survives, and will be the guest of the occasion. Dr. Richard R. Rust, of Cincinnati, the first president is invited to share the honors of the day and deliver the opening addressed at 10 o'clock a. m. followed by Dr. Mitchell, at 2:30 p. m. A military parade will be given and a salute of nine guns At 3:30 Alumni Reunion. At 7:30 a musical and Literary entertainment, participated in by the Senior Professor, J. P. Shorter, Miss Anna Lewis, Messrs. W. L. Board, Charles Burrows and Warner White—Bishop A. W. Wayman, of Baltimore, the Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. church and Bishop B F. Lee, ex-president of the University, are invited to deliver special sermons, on the Sabbath following.

Bishop B W. Arnett and Prof. W. S, Scarbough will conduct memorial excersises at 3:00 p m. This "week of prayer" was duly observed under conduct of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. P. C. E. Mr. Mag-zo F. Sakie of the Kaffir tribe, of Cape Colony Africa, is one of our students. Miss Charlotte Mangi, of the Basutu tribe, is here ready to enter. On Sunday a. m there will arrive representatives of the Amascosa, Fingo, Bapedi and Tembu tribes. New students are still arriving. Prof H. A Talbet, of Cincinnati, has created an active interest in Hamilton County and not a week passes but some one comes from his hand. Friends do you likewise. S. and H. Founder's Day Febuary 24, 1895.

Oldest City in the United States.

Santa Fe, N. M., Special.

Santa Fe, the oldest city in the United States, is one of the most interesting cities in America. Its adobe buildings of sun dried brick in which the natives live, is one of the first curiosities that presents itself to an Eastern visitor. Its narrow and crooked streets, the apparent inactivity of the Mexicans; their hauling of wood on their pack mules, the boros or donkeys, around the historic plaza; the historic old plaza itsef, if it could speak, would tell of many a hard fought battle; the old Adobe Palace, where the Governors of New Mexico have made their official headquarters ever since the territory was organized, and where the present Governor, Wm. T. Thornton, presides are some of the many curiosities of the city In fact the city is a wonderful curiosity itself to a person accustomed to metropolitan surroundings. The Afro-Americans, of the city have organized a Literary and Social club, to be known as the Afro-American L. and S. club. They meet once a week. The officers for the ensuing year are, Jno. S. Harper, president; T. J. Dunlap, vice-president; J. P. Siemmons, second vice-president; O. J. Parsons, secretary; Christian Hall, treasurer. One of the best barber shops in the city is owned and controlled by an Afro-American, W. J. Slaughter. He has recently refitted his establishment throughout. Among his customers he counts the judges of the courts, the Solicitor General, members of the legislature and the most aristocratic people of the town. Charles Stamp and Wm. Anderson arrived from Albuquerque, and have taken positions as waiters at the Palace Hotel, one of the best hotels in New Mexico. Rev C. M. Smith, of Los Vegas, held quarterly conference here the second Sunday in this month. Take The Freeman, the best paper the Negro has ever produced, only 5 cents a copy

Republicans Won.

Macon, Mo., Special.

Dr. O. A. Taylor has returned from Leavenworth, Kan. Prof. E. L. Scruggs, our president, lectured recently. Miss G. M. DeBaptist was elected secretary of the Teachers' Association held at Sedalia. James Coleman was elected president of Missionary Society. The recent contest of ballots between the Democratic and Republican party turned out to be a Republican victory with the exception of two Democrats. Miss F. M, Lewis, assistant teacher at the Baptist college gives examination that requires extra oiling of the brain, but she says the examinations are very easy.

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Or squander all the golden day
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Upon a worsted spray;
Nor is she quite content to wait
Behind her "roe-wreathed lattice-pane
Until beside her father's gate
The gallant Prince draws rein."

The brave "New Woman" scorns to sigh,
And count it "such a grevious thing"
That year on year should hurry by
And no gay suitor bring;
In labor's rank she takes her place,
With skillful hands and cultured mind;
Not always foremost in her race,
But never far behind.

And not less lightly fall her feet
Because they tread the busy ways;
She is no whit less fair and sweet
Than maids of olden days,
Who growing in samite or brocade,
Looked charming in their dainty guise,
But dwelt like violets in the shade,
With shy, half opened eyes.

Of life she takes a clearer view,
And through the press serenely moves,
Unfettered, free; with judgment true
Avoiding narrow grooves.
She reasons, and she understands;
And sometimes 'tis her joy and crown
To lift with strong yet tender hands
The burdens men lay down.

—[E. Matheson in Chambers' Journal.

A Plea for "The Freeman."

MR. EDITOR—Not that I can see farther into the misty future, nor is it that I can penetrate the problem of moral ethics with more accuracy than any ordinary mortal, but I rise to address eight or ten thousand readers in a spirit of kindness. We do not wish to make war on any periodical, but rather to defend The Freeman. In some communities the question is often brought forth relative to the bold and unflinching stand which The Freeman advocates the right and equity of the Afro-American in the United States.

Some of our friends in different parts of the country claim, with some possible ground of reason to themselves, that The Freeman stirs up strife and animosity where once reigned peace and quietness; and our friends make bold to say that the paper is published in the North, where there is no danger of molestation. Our friends tacitly admit in their own assertion that they have not READ ten copies of The Freeman, nor probably never hear of the Richmond Planet. "Stirs up strife," our friends say, but we differ widely from them, and if you will take care to diligently peruse the editorials, and if you are not blinded by your personal interests and the success of your brothers, we feel that a fair decision from you would be that our race is asked to refrain from all manner of crime; and we ask you, is it a crime to warn you against crime? We ask you, is it not a fact that we find a criminal column in all our big national dailies? But we hear no objection.

The Freeman is, as it were, a table laden with all manner of eatables, and you are not required to eat all on the table, but on y such as your good prudence dictates. Friends, how many of our people who read papers each week published by our white friends who never seen an illustrated paper managed and edited by our identical race-loving men? My good people, you often say you wish the school books had some pictures of our race therein, but you flatly contradict your wish by refusing to take a paper that contains your desire.

"O consistency, thou art a jewel."

We are too apt to emulate the white race in his evil. We have followed their examples in morals, education, property—why not follow them in literature If our white friends will read our papers, and not stop at one or two copies, they will see that we highly commend them for favors shown us in our struggle to educate ourselves in the South and North. We hope they will see further that all black faces are not Negro faces, and that all Negroes are no more alike than are all Anglo-Saxons.

While strolling over town, disposing of The Freeman, sweet singing came to us, and on the second thought we discovered its whereabouts in an unpretentious building (church) pastored over by Rev. T. H. Merriweather. I heard him plead in no unmistakable tones. He is a forcible speaker and a lover of his people. Such men love The Freeman. J T SHACKELFORD

Paynes' Institute Coming to the Front.

Selma, Ala., Special.

On the first day of January the colored people of Selma turned out almost as a unit to witness the occasion of the celebration of Emancipation day. After a street parade, the crowd congregated at Brown's Chapel. After a suitable paper read by Miss L. A. Stone, setting forth the subject of the occasion, Miss M. L. Smith read the Declaration of Independence. Rev. H. S. Doyle, A. M. Ph. D., was the orator of the day. This lecture was plain and instructive. On Jan. 2nd we begin our course of study. Paynes' Institute is on a steady march to its educational zenith. The Young Men's Debating Club gave a nice recital on last Friday. We have a Young Minister's Institute connected with the school. Messrs. Perry, Tilley, Stringer, Turner, Robinson, Roundtree and Burkhalter compose the present class. Elder Brooks, pastor of Brown's Chapel, has charge of this class. The prospects for the Minister's Institute is bright. This is largely due the energy and skill of Prof. Johnson who has labored to push the standard high He is assisted by a corp of excellent teachers, who has labored with untiring zeal to bring Payne's school to the front.

A STUDENT.

THE NEW YEAR.

BY J. A. HAYES, PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Good morning New Year, you have come at last,
Your sand has commenced to run;
The old year has gone into the past
And left you with us so young.
Many are glad you are with us now,
Their hearts with joy have commenced to leep;
For they will soon be freed, tho' prisoned now,
They have waited long your coming to greet.
You found many merry, happy and glad,
Who greeted you with clapping of hands;
Whilst others were weeping, heart broken and sad—
Will never be happy again.
The one they loved and wanted to live long,
And had given a deep place in their hearts,
Will never be forgotten, tho' from us is gone
To a place to never depart.
Before you leave us many a change will be made,
Some happy and others ill;
Some hearts will be made happy and others sad,
Your program we know you must fill.
We hope your program for death is but few,
Yet we know we are compelled to go;
And if we live humble, faithful, honest and true,
To think of it won't trouble us so.
We see people going from this earth every day,
As the days go to wind up your time;
I think it would be proper if every one would say,
I must get ready, to morrow may be mine.
Yet if we live true to our religion as intended,
And be humble like Christ in his birth;
The day our mission on earth is ended,
Will be our happiest day on earth.

Late Literary News.

An old-fashioned sea story full of interest and adventure, with a strong love motive, is begun by W. Clark Russell in the January Cosmopolitan. 'Ouida" succeeds Froude, Gosse, Lang and other distinguished writers with an instalment of the "Great Passions of History" series, which has been appearing in the Cosmopolitan A discussion is aroused by Edward Bok's article on "The Young Man and The Church" which will consume tons of ink before it is settled. Just preceding the famous Charcot's death he prepared an article for the Cosmopolitan on Pasteur to be published after Pasteur's death. But Charcot has died first, and so with the consent of Charcot's executors, the articles is given now. The present "Theatrical Season in New York" is critically considered by James S Metcalfe, editor of Life, and there are stories by Tourgee, Howells and the famous French writer Francois Coppee.

HUMAN NATURE.

When some white men are tramps and hungry they don't hesitate to sneak around to the servant's quarters for a "hand-me-out." Put a five-dollar bill in their pocket, the same reinforced by a square meal, and the "friend" who fed them by stealth is not good enough to eat in the same dining room with them.

They Celebrated.

Baxter. Ark., Special.

A good sized crowd was out to celebrate the freedom of the Negro. The following is the program rendered: Essay, Archie Brown; select reading, Mrs. M. M. H. Lacey; oration, James M. Holland; essay, Miss Mary Mack; solo, Miss Fannie Jamison, essay, Miss Eliza Walker; oration, Thomas Holt; address, Rev. M P. Matthews; closing address, Rev. G. W. Lacey.

The Ladies of the Fort Entertain.

Fort Huachuca, Y. T.

The ladies of the post gave a grand entertainment lately that was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The dancing and music could not be excelled. Those present, and the costumes worn, were: Mrs. J. D. Powell, cream colored silk, ornamented with flowers; Mrs. Joseph Gray, orange colored silk, trimmed in black lace; Mrs. Henry Thomas, water colored silk, ornamented with flowers; Mrs. Annie Franklin, light blue lace, trimmed with dark blue ribbon; Mrs. Annie Janey, turkish red satin, trimmed in black lace; Messrs. Frank H. Hellems, Samuel J. Tipton, Thomas Grant, George A. Janey, James D Cowan, N. R. Albright, Charles L. Freeman, were the gents present.

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Reader, do you ever notice that some people seem to have good luck all the time, no matter what they do, they seem to prosper, while others, yourself may be, have such a hard time to get along, no matter how hard they try, they find at the end of the year they are no better off than when they started. This is because they have not the Talisman, while the successful people, in all probabilities, have been to one of the few genuine mediums and obtained one.

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The Freeman is on sale at the Bates House news stand.

Howard Dickerson, of Crawfordsville, Ind., was in the city last week on business.

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Mrs. Matilda Bridges presented her husband, Benjamin a New Year's gift of a fine baby girl.

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Mrs. Retta Knox Curry of Greenfield was entertained by Mrs. J. T. V. Hill at 112 Martindale avenue last Tuesday week at dinner.

The Freewill Baptist church, corner Smith and Rhode Island streets, has called the Rev. I. Crompton for the ensuing year. He took charge of the revival meetings last Sunday night.

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Mrs. Lulu Haddex-Davison, whom some of our High school teachers think was one of the smartest and most intelligent little pupils they ever taught, and was at that time compelled to stop school on the account of her eyes, will, as soon as "Baby Olivette Goldeen" is a little older, complete her education in college.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Maggie Nickens of Mattoon, Ill., who has been the guest of her mother and friends for several days, departed for her home Monday noon.

Ex-Presiding Elder Bass.

Rev. Jesse Bass has been appointed to the pastorate of the church in this city formerly in charge of Rev. Harry Thompson, while the latter gentleman fills his place as Presiding Elder. The following communication is self-explanatory:

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 19, 1894.

REV. JESSE BASS:—Dear Bro: Your resignation has been received and I have assigned Rev. H. H. Thompson to take the place of Presiding Elder and you can take his place at St. Paul Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, Ind. I hope you may have a grand time at your silver wedding on Jan. 1, '95. Yours, A. W. WAYMAN.

Announcement.

The grand musicale booked to come off the 19th at Simpson Chapel, has been postponed to the 25th.

Celebrated Emancipation.

Aberdeen, Miss., Special.

January 1 was observed here in commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation. Owing to inclemency of the weather the crowd was smaller than expected. Rev. J. L. Wilson, of Holly Springs, Miss., was the principal orator of the day. Rev. Wilson is a well trained son of Clark University and Gammon Theological School, of Atlanta, Ga. He was introduced by Prof. H. J. McAllister. Other remarks were made by Rev. W. C. Clay, another Gammonite and a fluent speaker, too, and Prof. J. A. Harmon; also Messrs. Blevins and Brock.

The weather clerk has sent us snow two weeks in succession. The county schools are in a progressive state. Many teachers are complaining of poor pay in our county. The small pay should tend to increase our intellectual efforts. "The fittest will survive." "A word to the wise is sufficient." Dr. George W. Drake, a student of Meharry Medical School, Nashville, died here January 1. Prof. N. S. Whitfield, of Cicero, Tex., spent a few days here with friends and relatives during the Christmas tide. Dr. W. H. Sims, of Guthrie, Okla., and Rev. J. P. Sims, of Talledega, Ala., also illuminated the countenance of friends and relatives here during the holidays. The young lady who was so sorry I failed to appear with a Freeman not long since will need to sorrow no more. It will be kept each week at my residence on Court House Square. Only 5 cents per copy. Pay promptly and you shall enjoy the best news of the day.

APOLLO.

Personal Gleanings.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. William Hall, of Crawfordsville, has returned home. Miss Maud Winslow is convalescing. Miss Frank Reeves, of Lafayette, is visiting in the city. Mr. J. W. Taylor has opened a barber shop in the Barnett Hotel. Protracted meeting has begun at the A. M. E. church. Mr. John Russell sprained his ankle while skating. Percy Jones is employed at Tillings shoe store. Ollie Bradley, of Kokomo, spent Sunday with Harry Brooks.

THE TOMB.

Mrs. Susie Floyd Died Sunday Jan. 13th —Obsequies Tuesday Jan. 15th.

"Good lady, the bright day is done."
—[Shakespere.

Mrs. Susie Floyd, wife of W. T. Floyd, Esq., an old and esteemed citizen of Indianapolis, died at her late residence, 166 West First street, Sunday morning, Jan. 13th near the hour of nine, after a wasting illness of quite two year's duration, and was buried Tuesday, Jan. 15th from Vermont street Bethel church, the obsequies being attended bg a large concourse of friends and mourning relatives. Dr. T. W. Henderson officiated, assisted by Rev J. W. Carr and Dr. S. A. Elbert, an old friend, and for many years the trusted and beloved physician of the family. From the text, "The dead in Christ shall rise first," Thessalonians iv-16, Dr. Henderson rendered a most fitting and touching discourse. Miss Drusetta Dixon sang beautifully, "What shall it be to be there." Leah Chapter of the "Eastern Star" of which deceased was an honored, faithful member of many years, was present in a body, to perform the last functions of duty over the dust of their beloved sister. Standing before the open grave, and after the remains had been lowered in their narrow home, the Hon Geo. L. Knox, by request, spoke the final words of condolence and prayer. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Cheatham, 525 Mississippi street, a sister of Mrs Mary Lindsey, of North Illinois street, Mrs Eliza Johnson, Mrs Wm Winn, Jerome Johnson, Wm. Walden and Chas. Cheatham. Two children survive her, a son, Paul, and a daughter, Mrs. Burns Fisher.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

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A M E CHURCH,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 15, '95.

Brother William Floyd:

DEAR SIR—We, the Official Board, of which you are a member, and in which you have served so faithfully, ask you to accept the following as the feeling and sympathy of said board:

Wherein it has pleased the Heavenly Father to take away from you your dearly beloved companion, we trust that our sympathy and prayers may serve to help you in your lonely and sad hours.

May the blessing of God ever be upon you. Yours in Christ,

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RESUME.

In the death of Mrs. Floyd the community in general suffers an actual loss. For many years she was an active and useful worker in church and literary circles, stamping the impress of her individuality upon every movement that tended to the lifting up, and encouragement of men and women to lofty aims and worthy aspirations. Who, among the older members of Indianapolis' active intellectual world, that looked upon her familiar countenance for the last time, serene in the mystery of that repose, which awaits us all, did not recall the days when in the pride and strength of health, the buoyancy of a splendid womanhood, she was first and foremost, always to be depended upon, in those works—meet for the Master's good, and the encouragement of mental improvement and development.

As a wife, she faced with equinimity and unruffled courage, the clouds as well as the sunshine of life. As a mother, she was a MOTHER indeed; tender, true, unswerving, solicitous, alert, self-sacrificing, thoughtful, cognizant only of her dear ones, and the ways and means to contribute to their comfort and happiness. If sorrow came to her, as to whom does it not come in this brief day called life, if cares were multiplied by cares, such being the legacy of existence, if shadows

"Followed fast and followed faster,"

When health folded its wings and stole silently, slowly, surely away, when the summons reached her soul, months before the final end, that henceforth, existence for her, meant only that she was waiting, just a waiting, the smile of peaceful resignation was the same, that through all her life was inseparable from her countenance, who can remember when it was absent, while the salutation dropping from lips already kissed by the angel of death, was as musical and brave, if faint and low, as in the vanished days of perfect health. More could be said, but why; after life's fitful fever, let us hope, she sleeps well.

W. A. S.

A Large Sick List.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Sick list: Mrs. Sikes, better; Mr Douglas, better; Mrs Mary Fletcher, ill; Mrs Fanny Watkins, ill; Mrs. S N. Weaton, better; Mr. J. Moore, very ill; Miss Flora Morin, been ill; Miss Lee Woods, ill; Miss Lizzie Ellison, better; Mrs. J. Douglass, better; Mrs Lizz'e Gateskill, ill. Mr Oscar Roberts has returned home. Rev J. Broyles was called to Battle Creek, Mich, to help Rev. Charles Brown in quarterly meeting. He will be gone for two weeks. Miss Maggie Jenkins is visiting friends in the city this week. Miss Allie Spogon is also visiting friends in the city.

The week of prayer was observed at the A. M E. Church. The protracted meeting commenced this week The second quarterly meeting at the A. M E. Church will be held to-morrow. Rev. A Smith will be present. The A. M. E Church is now in a better financial condition than for many years. Mr J. Booth is back from Yellow Springs, O. Miss Mattie Frazier will visit Yellow Springs shortly.

The Golden Key Club.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.

The Golden Key Literary Club held their social session at the home of Mrs. Lucy Levi, 84 W. Main street on Monday evening Jan. 7th. An excellent program was carried out. Short, interesting addresses by visitors helped to make the sitting one most delightful. A delicious repast was served and the club adjourned at a late hour.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

An Elegant Reception to Visitors—Public Installation—Personals.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

The reception at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Jan. 8th in honor of Dr. C. A. Isbell and wife of this city and Miss Ella Overton of Memphis was an elegant affair. Refreshments were served at 11:30 p. m., under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Brown, Miss Minnie Clopton and Alvin Logan. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs W. H. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs Dan Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F D. Hibbs, Misses Mary Leigh, Ella Fouse, Lulu Davis, Lillie Franklin, Maud Mansfield, Pauline House, Nannie Fowler, Ophelia Brown, Cora Carter, Mattie Bright, Mattie Malone, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Lowe, Messrs. Wm Powell, Jas. L Hamilton, Sam Davis, Wm. Hall, Wm. Bates, Ed. Owens, S. Curd and H. Windle.

Jake Drane, who was instantly killed at Langstaff Owen's saw mill a short time ago, was buried very respectfully by the company. Clementine Merriwether, who recently cut her throat from ear to ear, was the first person of color in the history of Paducah to commit suicide. Mme. Sylvester, the noted musician and nightingale of song, ably assisted by John Sylvester the renowned basso, and local talent will concertize here soon. Household of Ruth No. 48 gave a public installation on the 11th and closed with a banquet. Mrs. W. H. Mansfield represented Ruth and Mrs. Pauline Marble, Naomi Rev. G. W. Dupee made the welcome address. Miss Georgie Dooley has returned to her school duties at St Louis. Mrs. Sallie Steele was elected to fill the place of Mrs Jno W. Moore who resigns as teacher in the public schools. Miss Ella Overton of Memphis who is visiting Miss Mary Leigh on South Ninth street will return home next week. Call on Minor Bradshaw, 419 Jackson street every Saturday and get The Freeman.

A GREAT REVIVAL.

Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, to Drill—Officers.

Lockland, O., Special.

The churches are holding union services, and the outlook is good for a great revival. Miss Alice Duskin is sick. Mr. Anderson is with Levi & Co again. Mr. Charles Derrickson, after a short visit to Kentucky, has returned. Missionary services were held at Bethel A M E Church last Sunday Mr. William Johnson is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Guiding Star Lodge, No 22, K. of P., will drill every Thursday night in Alred's Hall. The lodge will be under the following officers this year: M. V. Roberts, C. C.; M. Farmer, V. C.; F. Simms, Prelate; H. C. Brady, Exchequer; N. M. Roberts, M. F; M. A. Hunt, K. of R. and S; L Williams, M. of A; N. Desleet, O G; Ed Griffin, I. G. The Lockland Fire Company No. 1. elected the following officers: M. V. Roberts, president; John Sanders, secretary; F Sims, treasurer, Mr. M. A. Hunt is now general traveling agent for Levi & Co., of Cincinnati, and Mr. Anderson is collector.

Cornet Band Organized.

Georgetown, S. C. Special.

MR EDITOR—I beg space in your valuable race journal to present to the many readers of THE FREEMAN the doings in and around our progressive little city, The Afro-Americans have been getting along very well since freedom. The following Negroes are office-holders: Hon. R B, Anderson, member of the Legislature; Hon. Z. D. Green, probate judge; G. E Herriott, school commissioner; J. J. Dunmore, coroner; Frank Laverne, deputy marshal; James Drayton and Augustus Myers are on the police force, J. H. Jackson and A. H. Wilson are aldermen.

Our people own a good deal of property here Some of the real estate owners are Mr. J. H Baxter, Capt. Peter Woodbury, Mrs H. Baxter, Mr Z D Green, Mr. A. H. Wilson, Mr. F. Woodbury, Mr James Phillips, Mr. A. Brockington, Mr. C. H. Sperry, Mr. G. E Herriott, Mr. J J Dunmore, Mr. R B Anderson, Mr. J. N. Horry, Mr. E. Howard, Mr. Glasscoe Wineglass and many others.

The Howard Graded School, the pride of our people, is under the management of A. E H Peets, B. S., and he has an able corps of teachers. This school is doing good work for our people here. Prof Peets is the right man in the right place We wish him much success. Our young men have organized a band, to be known as the Georgetown National Band. The band is composed of the following young men: H P Tucker, T. P. Fraser, S. Dunsmore, J B Brockington, J J Burton, Prof. William Ashe, W. E Burton, Aug. Wineglass, J. J. Wineglass, Joe Lesesne, J. N. Roberson, W. Ashe. jr, N P. Jenkins, F. C, Joy, E G. Ford, W. G Green, J M Rue, L A Alston, "Buber" Bossord and J. B. Washington. The Howard school will give an entertainment soon, and every lover of his race should be present. Those persons who owe the agent will please come up and pay, as it takes money to run a great paper like The Freeman.

Yours for my race, 'GUS."

Social at Paul Quinn College.

Waco, Tex., Special

The First Baptist church is progressing nicely. The social at Paul Quinn college was grand. Rev Denby was master of ceremonies Miss H. M. Grimes made a flying trip to Dallas during the holidays Miss Savannah Earl spent the holidays at Paul Quinn college the guest of her brother Prof. F. H Bradley will teach at Zion Hill this winter Prof. H. H Shelton, dancing master, has opened school on Second street. The Prof. is a lover of The Freeman Rev White is preaching for the congregation of the Second Baptist church. Henry Griffin, one of The Freeman readers, will soon move to St Louis where he has accepted a position with the Pullman Car Co Mrs Emil Johnson on River street wishes The Freeman a happy New Year and will have no other paper.

Prominent Business Man Dead.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Dan Blakemore and wife have returned. Many of the readers of the Freeman at this place like the sketch of Hon. G. L. Knox's life. Rev W C Clark attended the funeral of Mr. C W. Cunningham, the book store man of the city, from the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Torpley was brought home and buried. Dr. Henry L Gosling and his beautiful wife have returned to Washington, D. C., after an extended trip through all the leading cities of the South. Mrs. Mattie Dizard is quite sick. Mrs. D. A. Wilson is on the sick list. Mr. Charlie Eaken, the expressman, had a cold drive on the night of the 12th inst., to Wartrace and back. Mr. James Owens, Misses Carrie Green and Mattie Edgar, with many others, paid your scribe a call on the 13th.

Rev. J. A. Jones, Mrs. J. C. McAdams and others have very full schools. They are well pleased with the outlook. Miss Miscie Getton is in school again. Prof. R. G. Donnal is able to be out again. Prof. J. C. McAdams is some better. Mr. Samuel Coffee was up from Nashville and spent a few days with his people. Mr. Louis Thompson sent by him for a large lot of second-hand clothes. Mrs. C. J Thompson is very sick. Miss E B. Simbs, J. S. Gilliland, R P. Purdy and W. H. Gosling had quite a debate over Sunday's lesson. Mrs. Louis Myers is on the sick list. We would be glad to have every member of the race read The Freeman and follow its teachings, or some of the other periodicals of the race, and then we would never have the trouble that we do. And, do you know, it is the best men and women of the race that are trying to show the good things and acts of the race. If the bad ones would follow them they would not get the best people of our race in trouble. Spend $1 and take The Freeman. Get it at W. H. Gosling's store.

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